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LIST OF DEPARTURES FROM BOMBAY

WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT BRINDISI AND MALTA.

Date of Sailing. 1903	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
Saturday, 2 p.m.				
12th Dec.	PENINSULAR	5284	BRITANNIA	6325
26th ,,	MONGOLIA	8500	.....	.....
1904.				
2nd Jan.	ORIENTAL	5284	CHINA	1912
9th ,,	CALEDONIA	7568	.....	.....
16th ,,	PENINSULAR	5284	VICTORIA	6322
23rd ,,	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
30th ,,	ORIENTAL	5284	HIMALAYA	6898
6th Feb.	MARMORA	10500	.....	.....
13th ,,	PENINSULAR	5394	INDIA	7911
20th ,,	ARABIA	7563	.....	.....
27th ,,	ORIENTAL	5284	MOLDAVIA	5777
5th Mar.	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
12th ,,	PENINSULAR	5284	ARCADIA	6603
19th ,,	MACEDONIA	12000	.....	.....
26th ,,	ORIENTAL	5284	AUSTRALIA	5601
2nd Apl.	CALEDONIA	7568	.....	.....
9th ,,	PENINSULAR	5284	OCEANA	6510
16th ,,	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
23rd ,,	ORIENTAL	5284	MONGOLIA	5590
30th ,,	ARABIA	7563	.....	.....
7th May	PENINSULAR	5284	CHINA	7912
14th ,,	MOLDAVIA	9777	.....	.....
21st ,,	ORIENTAL	5284	HIMALAYA	6898
28th ,,	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....

The above Steamers convey Passengers to Marseilles, Plymouth and London.

Passengers for Brindisi tranship to a connecting steamer at Port Said.

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on THURSDAY.
NERA	5,876	Chevallier	31st Dec. 1903.
CALEDONIEN	4,218	Marcantetti	28th Jan 1904.
DUMBEA	5,507	Schmitz	25th Feb. 1904.

INTERCHANGEABLE TICKETS WITH THE AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S S. N. Co.

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BOMBAY TO TRIESTE VIA ADEN, SUEZ, & PORT SAID.

DIRECT LINE.

Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on
IMPERATRIX	G. Ghezzo	4,194	1st Jan. 1904.
IMPERATOR	F. Mosca	4,119	1st Feb. 1904.
IMPERA PRIX	G. Ghezzo	4,194	1st Mar. 1904.
IMPERATOR	F. Mosca	4,119	1st Apr. 1904.

PASSAGE MONEY.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
TRIESTE OR VENICE	Rs. 600	Rs. 325	Rs. 150

ORDINARY LINE.

Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
*† NIPPON	G. Klansberger	6,317	26th Dec. 1903
*† MARIA VALERIE	P. Berberovich	4,235	11th Feb. 1904

*Will call at Karachi. †Will call at Fiume.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
A STEAMER	.....	.....	29th Feb. 1904.

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FOR CUTCH MANDVI AND KARACHI.

S.S. "DUMRA," 1,700 tons, on MONDAY, 21st December, at 10 a.m.

FOR KATHIAWAR COAST PORTS, KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF.

S.S. "HENZADA," 2,100 tons, on TUESDAY, the 22nd Dec., at 10 a.m., calling (weather permitting) at Verawal, Mangrole, Porebander Cutch Mandvi, Karachi, Pashni, Muscat, Jask, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bahrein, Bushire, and Koweit, in the foregoing or any order.

FOR KURRACHEE, MUSCAT, BUSHIRE, AND BUSREH.

S.S. "KASARA," 1,200 tons, on THURSDAY, 17th December, at 10 a.m.

FOR PORBANDER, MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, BEIRA, DELAGOA BAY AND DURBAN.

S.S. "LINDULA," 3,400 tons, on or about TUESDAY, the 29th Dec., (with transhipment at Durban to Company's Steamers for East London, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town.)

FOR MORMUGOA, MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, BEIRA AND DELAGOA BAY.

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FOR COAST PORTS AND CALCUTTA.

S.S. "CULNA," 2,026 tons, on or about 26th December.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,
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Bombay, 17th December, 1903.

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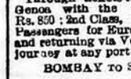

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To SUEZ	400	600	320	...	300	...
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Class.	Steamers.	Scale Tons.	Commanders.	Sail about 1903.
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C.	HADDON HALL	6500	A. Buck	4th Jan.
C.	RYDAL HALL	7200	Foster Curtis	10th Jan.
A.	PROMK	5000	F. McKay	12th Jan.
A.	CITY of ATHENS	3000	J. Wilson	3rd Feb.
B.	MERTON HALL	6700	C. Prowse	10th Feb.
A.	CITY of BOMBAY	6000	F. Snow	4th Mar.
A.	CITY of OXFORD	6000	A. Findlay	10th Mar.
A.	CITY of VENICE	5200	W. Knaut	20th Mar.
B.	MERTON HALL	6700	C. Prowse	29th Apl.
A.	CITY of VIENNA	6000	J. Campbell	20th Apl.

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IDZUMI MARU	3230	M. Yugi	21st Dec.	30th Dec.
HIROSHIMA MARU	3283	J. Nagao	18th Jan.	29th Jan.
KINSHIU MARU	3851	T. Harrison	31st Jan.	9th Feb.
KAGOSHIMA MARU	1403	K. Kori	11th Feb.	27th Feb

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1243	Set of six Silver Liqueur Beakers and Tray, ART NOUVEAU Style, in case	90	0
1245	Cut Glass Claret Jug with Silver Mounts, in case	85	0
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„	II	...	...	...	„	13 8	„ „
„	III	...	...	...	„	11 14	„ „
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NEW MOFUSSIL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the New Mofussil Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 27, Hummum Street, on FRIDAY, the 18th December, 1903, at 3 p.m. in pursuance of the following requisition addressed to the Chairman and Directors by 191 Shareholders holding over 8 0 Shares in the Company for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned therein.

Bombay, 9th December, 1903.

The CHAIRMAN and DIRECTORS
of the NEW MOFUSSIL Co., Ltd., Bombay.

Gentlemen,—

We the Undersigned Shareholders of the New Mofussil Co., Ltd., beg to request you will be good enough TO CALL an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company for the purpose of PASSING the following resolutions—

"That the report of the Directors which had been circulated amongst the shareholders with the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 30th June, 1903, be approved and adopted, and that the payment of a Dividend of Rs. 60 Fifty per Share and also the Bonus to the employes of the Company recommended by the Directors be sanctioned.

"That the shareholders desire to express their satisfaction that Mr. H. C. Wright continues a Director of the Company.

We beg to remain,

Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully.

L. RIVETT CARNAC,
VIJBHUCUNDASS ATMARAM,
VUSSONJI KHIMJI,
A. BREUL,
DHUNJISHAW HEERJIBHOY PATEL
& others."

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

THOS. H. MOORE,
Chief Agent.

Bombay, 9th December, 1903.

BOMBAY FINE ART AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held at the School of Art, Bombay, commencing from 14th March, 1904, Gold and Silver Medals, also Money Prizes offered for Painting in Oils, Water Colours, Photographs, &c., also for Hand Decoration, Textiles Carpets, and Embroidery, &c. For prospectus and forms apply to the Honorary Secretary, Bombay Art Society, Sir J. J. School of Art. The last day for receiving works will be 7th of March, 1904.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF MISCELLANEOUS STORES.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Superintendent, Cordite Factory, Wellington (Nilgiris) up to 12th January 1904, for the SUPPLY of MISCELLANEOUS STORES and 15,000 cwts. of SALTPETRE to the Cordite Factory, from 1st. April 1904, to 31st March 1905.

For further particulars please see page 1642, Madras, "Fort, Saint George Gazette" dated 1st December 1903, Part II or apply to the undersigned.

C. A. RADCLIFFE, Major, R. A.,
In Charge Cordite Factory.

Wellington, 7th December 1903.

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NOTIFICATION.

THE following Notification is issued as to the conditions under which postal articles may be sent to and from the field post offices opened to serve the Troops during the manœuvres to be held in the Rawalpindi District in December, 1903.

ARTICLES FOR FIELD POST OFFICES.

Mode of Addressing Postal Articles.

Articles posted for delivery from field post offices should be addressed as follows :—

X, Y.

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Force A-B.

RAWALPINDI MANŒUVRES,

No Post-town should be added to the address, and special care should be taken to specify clearly in each case the regiment, Battery, Staff appointment, Brigade, or Department of the person addressed.

Telegrams addressed to persons with the Forces in the field will be made over by Telegraph office to the Base Office concerned which will send them on to the Addressees by Post.

WHAT MAY BE SENT.

All classes of postal articles (private and official) viz. letters, postcards, newspapers, packets, and parcels, both registered and unregistered, may be posted for delivery from Field Post Offices.

PREPAYMENT OF POSTAGE COMPULSORY.

Full prepayment of Postage on all Articles is compulsory; but Official Articles can be sent FROM ONE FIELD POST OFFICE TO ANOTHER free of all Postage if properly superscribed and franked.

N.B.—Officers Commanding Corps proceeding to the Manœuvres should warn the Troops, followers, etc., to inform their correspondents of the necessity for fully prepaying the postage on all articles.

DELIVERY.

Unregistered Articles of the Letter mail will be delivered through Regimental orderlies. Registered Articles of the Letter Mail and all Parcels will also be delivered through orderlies in the absence of written instructions to the contrary from the addressees. The receipt of the person to whom a registered article or parcel is delivered will be taken on a list against the entry of the Article or Parcel.

N.B.—Any person who does not wish his Registered Articles or Parcels delivered through an orderly must give notice in writing to the field Post Office by which he is served.

INSURANCE, VALUE-PAYABLE POST, AND MONEY ORDERS.

Postal articles cannot be insured for despatch to Field Post Offices nor be sent to them under the value payable system. Money Orders will not be issued for payment by field post offices.

ARTICLES FROM FIELD POST OFFICES.

WHAT MAY BE SENT.

All Classes of Postal Articles (Private and Official) viz. Letters, Post-Cards, Newspapers, Packets and Parcels, both Registered and unregistered, may be posted at field Post Offices

In the case of all Articles (other than Official Articles) which are for delivery from other field Post Offices full prepayment of postage is compulsory. Official articles can be sent FROM ONE FIELD POST OFFICE TO ANOTHER Free of all Postage if properly superscribed and franked.

Articles cannot be posted under the value payable system at Field Offices, nor will any Insurance work be done.

MONEY ORDERS AND SAVINGS BANK.

Money Orders will not be issued from field post Offices nor will Savings Bank business be transacted.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

Postage Stamps (including Post-cards and embossed Envelopes other than one anna soldiers' envelopes), both ordinary and service, can be purchased at any Field Post Office.

N.B.—None of the above restrictions refer to the regular permanent Post Offices which exist on the field of operations. These offices will perform as usual all classes of postal Work and the Troops may use them in connection with any kind of Postal business which Field Post Offices are not authorized to perform.

C. STEWART-WILSON,
Offg. Director-General of the Post Office of India,
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A MEETING of the LANDOWNERS and RESIDENTS of BANDORA will be held at the Old Municipal Office, on Sunday, the 20th December, 1903, at 4-30 P. M. (Bombay Time), to consider what steps should be taken with reference to the notices issued by the Special Officer in charge Salsettee Building Site, revised assessments, &c.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT NO. 149. OF 1902.

BAI HARAKH, wife of DEVKARAN TRICUMJI of Bombay, and KESRONDAS RUNCHORDAS, of Cutch Mandvi Bhatia Hindu Inhabitant, carrying on business in Bombay at Holi Chakla by means of his Moonim PURSHOTAM SUNDERDAS..... Plaintiffs,

Vs.

PRAGJI JETHA, TULSIDAS JETHA and COMTIBAI, widow of JETHA PURSHOTAM, deceased, all of Bombay, heirs and legal representatives of JETHA PURSHOTAM, residing at Modikhana within the Fort..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to an Order of Reference of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, made in the above Suit and bearing date the Thirty-first July, One thousand nine hundred and three Notice is hereby given that all persons claiming debts or liabilities affecting the estate of JETHA PURSHOTAM, who died at Bombay, on or about the Eleventh February, One thousand nine hundred and two, are hereby required to file such claims in writing in English in my office within one Calendar month from the date hereof and the said claims are to specify the names and addresses of the claimants the full particulars of their claims and statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities if any held by them or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.—Dated this 14th day of December, 1903.

A. K. OLIVER,
Commissioner.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

EDWARD VII, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of SHIVJI JADOWJI VYAS of Bombay, Poskerna Brahmin Hindu inhabitant, a Priest, deceased.

HARIDAS SHIVJI VYAS of Bombay Poskerna Brahmin Hindu inhabitant, residing at Holi Chakla, within the Fort of Bombay..... Petitioner.

ALL PERSONS claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, K. C. I. E., Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, the Eleventh Day of December in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three, and in the third year of our Reign.

L. N. BANAJI,
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Seal of the High Court of Bombay.

A. M. KAJIJI,
The 11th day of December, 1903.
Messrs. MAGANLAL, JEHANGIR & GULABBHAI,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay up to 2 (Two) P. M. on FRIDAY, the 8th day of January 1904, for works in the Construction of a Night Soil Depot of two Hoppers at Bamnoli.

2. Forms of Contract, Specification, &c., may, on payment of Rs. 5, be obtained from the Undersigned who will on application give any further information that may be required.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a Deposit of Rupees four hundred and five to be paid to the Chief Accountant in Cash or Public Securities, and to be forfeited in case of withdrawal of Tender or of refusal to sign the Contract.

4. A further payment to make the total Deposit equivalent to 10 per cent. on the Contract amount, will have to be made by the Contractor whose Tender may be accepted.

5. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,

JOSEPH HALL, M. Inst. C.E., M.I. Mech. E, &c
Executive Engineer, Municipality.

Executive Engineer's Office, Bombay, 15th Dec, 1903.

MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, up to 2 P.M., on MONDAY, the 15th day of February 1904, for the SUPPLY of 2 HATFIELD PUMPS and 2 OIL ENGINES of 9 B. H. P.

2. Form of Contract, Specification, &c., may, on payment of Rs. 5, be obtained from the Undersigned, who will, on application, give any further information that may be required.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 650, to be paid to the Chief Accountant in cash or public securities, and to be forfeited in case of withdrawal of Tender, or of refusal to sign the Contract.

4. A further payment, to make the total deposit equivalent to 10 per cent. on the contract amount, will have to be made by the Contractor whose Tender may be accepted.

5. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender,

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Cheques, Bills, Hoondees on Stations where the Bank has Branches and Currency Notes of any circle are collected and credited free of charge in the above interest Deposit Accounts.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS are opened for sums of Rs. 100 and upwards and receive 2 per cent. per annum, upon the daily balances, provided a minimum daily balance of Rs. 25 is maintained.

Apply for Rules to Head Office or Branches

F. D. STRANACK,
Manager.

Bombay, 18th July, 1903.

BANK OF CALCUTTA, LIMITED.

CAPITAL.

SUBSCRIBED...	Rs.	15,00,000
RESERVED FUND	„	15,50,000
UNCALLED CAPITAL	„	5,00,000

DIRECTORS:

MR. D. YULE, Messrs. Andrew Yule & Co.
„ H. R. McINNES, Messrs. J. Thomas & Co.
„ NORMAN McLEOD, Messrs. McLeod & Co.
„ D. KING.
„ J. C. SPEIRS.

MANAGING DIRECTOR.

MR. D. KING

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the following terms:—

2 % per annum allowed on daily balances
or
2½ „ „ minimum monthly balances

at the option of Depositors to be declared when opening accounts.

FIXED DEPOSITS received at the following rates of interest:—

	Per Annum.
For 2 Years...	5 per cent.
„ 1 Year	4½ „
„ 6 Months	4 „
„ 3 „	3 „

The Bank offers special facilities and advice to Constituents as to the purchase and sale of all Indian Securities, particularly the Shares and Debenture Stocks of Jute, Cotton, Tea, and Miscellaneous Industrial Concerns.

The Bank is prepared to guarantee the principal and interest of Debentures on its approved list, on terms which may be ascertained on application. Absentee shareholders' and investors' interests carefully watched.

Orders executed on the London Stock Exchange through London Branch.

For further information, apply to—

J. C. SPEIRS,
Agent.

Calcutta, 30th September, 1903.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at 3 p. m. Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms a quantity of grey and coloured piece goods, etc.

The property of a gentleman, consisting of office tables, chairs, (sofas, filter, a few lots of medical books, such as System of Practical Therapeutics in 3 volumes, Diseases of Women, Nomenclature of Diseases, Braithwaite's Retrospect of Medicine, Gruber's Diseases of the Ear, the Descriptive Atlas of Anatomy, Cooley's Cyclopædia of Practical Receipts in two volumes, the Dictionary of Science, Art, Literature, Religion and Philosophy in two volumes, Chamber's Cyclopædia of English Literature, etc., 2 magic lanterns, copying press, 1 officers tent, one necessary rowtee, one artist's large mubrella, coir matting, etc.

AT 1-30 P. M.

1 handsome strong English gig by 'Selby' nearly new, in very good order.
1 handsome strong second-hand victoria, in very good order.
1 handsome strong glass fronted miniature brougham, in good order.
1 handsome strong palanquin office shigram, in very good order.
1 bay arab, quiet in harness and saddle.
1 grey pony, quiet in harness.
1 handsome strong rubber-tyred victoria in very good order.
1 handsome strong country-bred horse, 11-2,5 years, goes well in harness.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On MONDAY, the 21st instant at 1 p.m. Messrs BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Reay House Apollo Bunder the valuable and handsome teak and blackwood plain and carved household furniture rich glass and crockery ware, best plate fdware drawing-room sofas and chairs telegrams and cabinets marble top dressing and wash-hand tables, first rate pictures and oleographs, rich flower vases and table ornaments, Hinks and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, brass and iron bedsteads, rich carpets, &c. the property of Mr. R. M. MACFARLANE.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 1 p. m., Messrs BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Apollo Bunder "Roseveit House," top floor, and back of Green & Reeds, the valuable and handsome teak and blackwood plain and carved household furniture, rich glass and crockeryware, best plate drawing room suites, almyras, cabinets, marble top dressing and wash hand tables, first rate pictures and oleographs, handsome flower vases and table ornaments, brass and iron bedsteads, Hink's and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, rich Persian and Brussel's carpet, &c., &c., the property of A. ABERCROMBIE, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property is on view.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 13th December, 1903.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF SILK, COTTON AND WOOLLEN PIECE-GOODS AT No. 234 CHAKLA STREET, NEAR JAKERIA MUSJID.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 2 p. m. Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the above entioned place on account of the Insurance Office concerned.—

A quantity of piece-goods, consisting of silk, damask, muslin, velvet, and alpaca, cotton and embroidery work, handkerchiefs, Italians and paddings, woollen venetians and flannels, gold lace and braid, &c.

The above will be sold in lots to suit purchasers and a deposit of 25 per cent will be required at the time of sale.

GRAND FLORAL AUCTION
OF
CHOICEST EVERLASTING CONTINENTAL FLOWERS
FOR
DINING AND DRAWING ROOMS AND GENERAL DECORATIVE PURPOSES.

Messrs CRAWFORD and Co, are instructed to sell by Public Auction (without reserve and in single lots only), at Hornby Road, Fort, next to Messrs. Shroff Bros., TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 19th instant at 2 p. m. a large collection of the most realistic flowers ever imported into India from the Continent. Ladies are specially invited to attend.

Now on view.

SALE OF CARBONIC GAS SODA MACHINE, SODA BRAMAH MACHINE AND FILLER,

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at 2 p.m.; Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the Parakh House, Frere Road, Fort, by order of Messrs. A. A Parakh and Co., and on account and at the risk of Messrs Rogers and Co. Aerated Water Manufacturers, of Hammam Street, Bombay.

1 complete carbonic gas soda machine.
1 No. 5 soda Bramah machine and 1 filler without syrup, all by Heyward Tyler and Co., of London, and all in good condition.

The machines are on view.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY, the 21st instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following:—

Household furniture such as tables, chairs, easy chairs, cupboard, wardrobe almyra, chest-of-drawer, large glass cupboards, counter, new carpets.
2 new Austrian safes on stands.
2 English-made iron safes with Chubb's locks.
16 gold embroidered table and teapoy covers.
1 case containing police dress sundries.

By order of the Administrator-General, the effects of the late Noormoodeen Abdool Karim, consisting of silver and nickel silver hunting and open faced watches, time-pieces and clocks, show cases, watch glasses, watch and clock machines, empty watch and clock cases, chairs, chest of drawer, copper pots, wearing apparel, &c.

AT 2 P.M.

2 ladies' Star bicycles, almost new.
Several second hand gent's bicycles.
1 handsome rubber-tyred victoria.
1 strong-built vis-a-vis.
1 circular glass-fronted brougham.
1 gent's English saddle with bridle.

And any other carriages and horses which may be offered

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES IN SHAIK ALI JANJIKAR STREET AND OLD JAMBLI STREET, OUTSIDE THE FORT.

On TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 4 p. m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises by order of Heerjo Sewjee, Ghellabhai Ramuldas and Damjee Veljee, trading under the name of Veljee Soondejee, the sub mortgagees, and on account and at the risk of the Concerned in pursuance of the power of sale given in the indenture of sub-mortgage, dated the 25th day of May, 1903, the following properties, viz:—

FIRSTLY.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuages, tenements, buildings and chawls erected and standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Shaik Ali Janjikar Street, outside the Fort, and in the island of Bombay, in the registration sub district of Bombay, formerly containing by admeasurement 470 square yards or thereabouts but now containing by admeasurement 411 square yards or thereabouts be the same more or less and bounded as follows, that is to say:—On or towards the north by the said Shaik Ali Janjikar Street, on or towards the east by the house of Gopal Pranjee formerly the house of Dawood Jethai) on or towards the south by the house of Gopal Harinand (formerly by the house of Ruttanbai, widow) and on or towards the west by the Old Jamlee Street, and which said piece or parcel of land or ground is registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's old No. 198 and new No. 1570 and survey No. 749 and new survey No. 2410, and is assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under old street No. 2 and new street No. 23 and 25 and 295, 303, and old Ward No. 1482 and new Ward No. 1463, and which said premises are now in the occupation of Marooti Tookaram Patel, Purshotam Govind Nadkarni, executors of the estate of the said Atmaram Kanoba.

SECONDLY.—All that piece of parcel of land or ground, with the messuages, tenement, and buildings standing thereon, situate on the east side of the old Jambli Street and the west side of the Collwada Lane, outside the Fort, and in the island of Bombay, in the Registration Sub district of Bombay, and containing by admeasurement 116 square yards or thereabouts be the same little more or less, and bounded as follows, that is to say:—On or towards the north by the old Kollwada Lane, on or towards the east by the house of Gopal Dadaji, on or towards the South by the house of Gsinoo Krishnajee, on or towards the west by the old Jambli street, and which said piece or parcel of land is registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's old No. 99 and new No. 787 and survey No. 753, and new Survey No. 2118l, and is assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Street No. 65, Ward No. 1581, and which said premises are now in the occupation of Marooti Tookaram Patil and Purshotam Govind Nadkarni, executors of the estate of Atmaram Kanoba.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. Smetham, Byrne and Noble, attorneys for the vendors or to the Undersigned.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction at Clare Road, Byculla, the entire furniture of the Adelphi Hotel, consisting of valuable teakwood and blackwood furniture, glassware, crockery, full size slate billiard table, lamp, pictures, carriages, horses, &c.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view three days before the sale.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 18th December, 1903.

NEWSPAPER SUPPLY AGENCY,
7 HORNBY ROAD.
THIS AGENCY SUPPLIES THE
BOMBAY DAILY PAPERS
FOR PERUSAL IN THE
MORNING AND NOON
AT MODERATE MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION,
ALSO
HOME-PAPERS AND MAGAZINES,
Mofussil Residents are also supplied with Papers,
FOR TERMS APPLY TO
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SALES BY AUCTION.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREET, FORT.

SALE OF REMAINING STOCK-IN-TRADE OF CHINESE, JAPANESE, FRENCH, SHANGHAI, etc., PLAIN FANCY AND FLOWERED SILK PIECE-GOODS, CUSHIONS, BORDERS, BED COVERS, SHAWLS, TABLE COVERS, DOORCURTAINS, IRON SAFES, CUPBOARDS etc.

By order of N. C. Macleod, Esq., Official Assignee, H. C and in re Haji Cassum Cadurdina traded as Haji Jan Mahomed Hussein, an adjudged insolvent, Messrs. Mehrjee, Johnston and Co., will, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 18th December, 1903, at 2 p. m., sell by Public Auction at Shop No. 313, Jackeria Musjid, consisting of a large number of rolls, pieces and boxes of flowered, plain and fancy silk, ganzes, patch, jubhlas, saris, ozaris, satin crapes, rcomals, handkerchieves, odnia tissue shawls, water silk kobi crapes, mushru, Penafal, atlas, table covers, caps silk pockets, tape borders, water silk dresses, cushions covers, waist bands, velvet borders, bone and sandal wood fans, cotton khumings, glass door cupboards, khuming mattresses, pillows, carpets, mirrors, clocks, iron safes, hammers, brass pots, etc.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

Sale of valuable and handsome artistic design, drawing dining and bed-room furniture, English bedsteads, large almirahs with mirror doors, hall carpets, door curtains, iron safes by Milner, gilt-framed pier-glasses, six, twelve and eighteen lights hanging chandeliers, eight light gas chandeliers, and two light gas brackets, table ornaments and vases, pictures, copper utensils, glassware, porcelainware, china, coir and cane matting, books, &c.

By order of N. C. Macleod, Esquire, Official Assignee, High Court, and in re Hassumbhoy Visram and Hajibhoy Visram, insolvents, and Fazulbhoy Visram, an adjuded insolvent, traded together as Visram Ebrahim and Co., Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co. will, on SATURDAY, the 19th December, 1903, at 1-30 p. m., sell by Public Auction in 'Visram Baug' Bungalow, Warden Road, facing the Mahaluxmi Battery, consisting of teak and blackwood inlaid spring seated sofas, chairs, easy chairs and ottomans, chiffoniers with wardrobes and mirrors, corner cabinets almirahs and sideboards with mirrors, hat and stick stands, alabaster ornament pillars, papier mache chairs, parian and bronze figures, French polished writing bureau, English bedsteads with wire mattresses, marble-topped, circular wash-hand and toilet tables, sliding dining tables, sliding door bookcases, hall carpets, iron safes by Milner and Austrian gilt-framed pier-glasses, six, twelve and eighteen lights hanging chandeliers, eight light gas chandeliers, and two lights gas brackets, hanging incandescent lamps, fairy light, bracket mirrors, glassware, dinner and dessert services, garden benches, door curtains, screens, wall-plates, thermometer and barometer combined, revolving bookstands, &c.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 18th December, 1903.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, DECEMBER 10.

SECURITIES—

2½ per cent. Consols	£89	=	+ 1-8
3 do. Rentes	£98	=	unchanged
3½ do, Indian Sterling Loan	£101 1-2	=	do
3½ per cent, Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£85 5-8	=	+ 1-16

SILVER—

Spot in London	25 7-8	=	+ 1-16
2 months hence	25 9-16	=	unchanged
Spot in New York	55 3-8	=	+ 1-8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25'17 1-2	=	unchanged
Berlin ,,	20'43 1-4	=	— 3-1
New York Demand	48'33 7-8	=	+ 1-8

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4	pr ct	= unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	3 5-8	pr ct	= do
6 ,, ,, ,,	3 5-8	pr ct	= do
3 ,, ,, Fine Trade Bills	4 1-8	pr ct	= do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	4 1-8	pr ct	= do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	3 1-8	pr ct	= + 3-8
7 day market loans	3 1-8	pr ct	= unchanged

RAPESEED—
Brown. D-J. Business done 33s. = unchanged steady.

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold. D.-J. Buyers. 31s. — 11 1-2d. = — + 1 1-2d.

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 6 5-8.

Dill's on Calcutta Rs. 35,20,000
Do. Bombay ,, 19,80,000
Do. Madras ,, 5,00,000
Rs. 60,00,000 at 1s. 4 1-16d.
Minimum Rate Received 19 per cent.

Total Amount of Bills sold during the week Rs. 62,00,000
Amount to be allotted next week Rs. 60,00,000
Extra allotments on Bombay Rs. 5,00,000 at 1s. 4 7-32d.
Calcutta Rs. 5,00,000 at 1s. 4 3-32d.
Madras Rs. 30,000 at 1s. 4 1-8d.

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed firm, Surats quiet. Manchester quiet but steady. Total Sales, 7000. Spot 6'76 plus 2. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Imports 28,000. Arrivals closed steady.

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April
6'62 +5	6'58 +5	6'56 +5	6'55 +5
April-May.	May-June.	June-July	July-Aug.
6'54 +5	6'53 +5	6'51 +5	6'48 +5
		Aug.-Sep. 6'36 +5	

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	49,000
Do. last year	43,000
Exports to Great Britain	17,000
Do. do Continent	16,000
Mid-Uplands	12'45 unchanged
Futures, month of Dec.	12'16 +2
Do. do. March	12'43 +3

In New Orleans—

Spot	12 3-16 +1-6
Futures, month of March	12'66 +.5
Do. do, June	12 83 + 7
Tone at close	steady

Egyptian—8 5-8.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Wednesday, 16th December, 1903:—

Cotton	11,069 bales.
Wheat	23,389 cwts.
Linseed	6,589 ,,
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	2,993 ,,
Gingellyseed	46,853 ,,
Poppyseed	1,069 ,,
Groundnuts	320 ,,
Castorseed	5,744 ,,
Rice	1537 ,,
Myrabollams	5,021 ,,
Cottonseed	5,030 ,,

BOMBAY, DECEMBER 17.

EXCHANGE—Tone firm.

Bank T.T.	1s. 4 3-32d.		
Bank Demand	1s. 4 1-8d.		
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight	D. A.	1s. 4 11-32d.	
Do 6 do	do	1s. 4 1-2d.	
French Francs 3 do	do	.....	171 1-4
Marks 3 do	do	.....	139 1-4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight		.....	125
Shanghai 30 do	do	.....	175
Japan 30 do	do	.....	149 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. —Tone declining.

Cash	...	...	97'6
1st Settlement	...	...	97'

Money Market.—Tone steady

BANK RATE

Bank of England since	3rd Sept.	4	per cent
Bank of Bombay do.	10th Dec.	5	do.
Bank of Bengal do.	10th Dec.	4	do.
Bank of Madras do.	23rd July	4	do.

SEEDS—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Linseed.—Tone steady.			
Ready	6	1	0
Rapeseed.—Tone steady,			
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5	11	0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready,	5	15	6
Yellow Guzerat, Ready.,	5	15	6
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.			
Ready	6	4	6
Castorseed—Tone quiet.			
Ready	21	8	0
Gingellyseed.—Tone steady.			
Howree Khandeish ...	33	8	0
15 per cent. Mixed ...	33	0	0
25 per cent. ,, ...	32	0	0
50 per cent. ,, ...	31	0	0
Black Kutnee ,, ...	27	0	0
WHEAT.—Tone quiet,			
Pissi 91 per cent.	Rs.	30	
Club No. 1	,,	29	
Hard Red	,,	22-8 to 23	

COTTON.—The cotton market opened firm with a further advance in prices, and though a good deal of business is being done for forward delivery in the bazaar, exporters are unable to continue purchasing at the advance to any extent. In ready cotton there was a better enquiry from shippers and full prices are being paid.

The following are the official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited.—

		Fine	F.-G	Gd.	Delivery
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)	...	230	220	...	25 Dec.
,, ,, ,,	...	226	213	...	25 Jan.
Bengal (M.-G.) (Ry. terms)	...	233	223	...	25 Dec.
,, ,, ,,	...	228	218	...	25 Jan.
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	...	233	223	...	25 Dec.
,, ,, ,,	...	227	217	...	25 Jan.
Belati (M.-G.) descriptions	...	256	250	...	25 Dec.
,, ,, ,,	...	252	244	...	25 Jan.
Khandeish (M.-G.)	...		238	232	25 Dec.
Jalgaum ,, do.	...		230	...	25 Jan.
,, ,,	...		241	235	25 Dec.
,, ,,	...		233	...	25 Jan.
Khamgaum do. ...	for staple		258	252	25 Dec.
Karanja do. ...	for staple		253	245	25 Jan.
Khardwa do. ...	...	256	250	...	25 Dec.
,, ,, ...	...	254	242	,,	25 Jan.
Damangaum Poolgaum (M.G.)		260	254	...	25 Dec.
,,	...	257	249	...	25 Jan.
Nazpur (M.-G.)	...	262	256	...	25 Dec.
,, ,,	...	259	251	...	25 Jan.
Oomras good staple (M.G.)		264	258	...	25 Dec.
,, ,, ,, ,,	...	261	252	...	25 Jan.
Broach do. ...	...	£74	...	259	25 March
,, do. ...	...	270	...	...	25 April.
Bhownugger Do.	...	249	239	...	25 May.
Do, (H.-G)	...	248	237	...	,,
Mathia (M.-G.)	...	239	229	...	25 March
S,O, Dharwar	...	...	...	250	25 May.
Western's	...	...	...	238	,,

Telegraphic Message from Hongkong reports the following:

Fortnightly Sales 1600 bales.
Unsold Stock Estimated at 37000 bales.
Market improving advancing.
Exchange Quotation, Rs. 127.

The following is the statement of Silver Balance in the Bombay Mint for the week ending 16th December:—

	Rs.	Rs.
Value of Silver held on account of straits Dollar coinage on the evening of the 9th December 1903		70,49,000
Value of Government Silver on do. do.		62,31,000
	Total	1,32,80,000
Add—Silver received during the week on account of straits Dollar coinage	20,42,000	
Do. do. Government	20,94,000	41,36,000
		1,74,16,000
Deduct—Dollars transferred to Custom House for export of the value of	27,23,000	
Petty items issued for miscellaneous purposes	....	
New Coin paid to Paper Currency Department	10,00,000	
Do. Reserve Treasury	22,70,000	59,23,000
Balance on evening of the 17th Dec. 1903		1,14,93,000

The Balance comprises—

	Rs.	
Silver held on account of the straits	63,68,000	
Do do Government,	51,25,000	
	1,14,93,000	

There is in addition awaiting Assay— nil.

	Rs.	
Bullion received for British Dollar coinage	....	
Bullion belonging to Government	29,12,000	
	29,12,000	

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	firm.
Surats	quiet.
Good Bhownuggers	nil.
The Manchester Market has been quiet but	steady.
2 1-2 per cent Consols	89
3 per cent Rentes	98 ox
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	101 1-2
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	65 5-8
Bar Silver	25 7-8

THE SALE OF ICE.

SUIT IN THE HIGH COURT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, presiding at the High Court, yesterday, delivered judgment in a suit brought by the Bombay Ice Manufacturing Company against S. B. Fraser and Company, in which the plaintiffs' claim was that the defendants may be restrained from selling ice at any lower rate than that provided by the sub-agreement of 15th March 1902, or such other rate as may from time to time be mutually fixed under the agreement and sub-agreement; that the defendants be decreed to pay to the plaintiffs such sum as the court may deem fit by way of compensation for damage sustained by the plaintiffs by reason of the defendants selling ice at a lower rate; that for the purpose of estimating the amount of coupensation all necessary account may be taken; that the defendants be decreed to pay to the Pool Fund the sum of Rs. 4,903-6-10 and Rs. 3,358-5-3, together with interest and costs, etc. The Hon. Mr. Scott, Mr. Lowndes, and Mr. Jardine, instructed by Messrs. Craigie, Lynch, and Owen, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Inverarity, Mr. Raikes, and Mr. Dewar, instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co., appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Justice Russell, in delivering judgment, said that the points he had to decide in this case, put shortly, were whether the agreement and sub-agreement, dated 15th March 1902, was or were void under section 27 of the India Trust Act, as restraining any one from carrying on his trade or business; and whether the said agreement was opposed to public policy. The agreement was made between the Bombay Ice Company, J. and J. Moir, S. B. Fraser, and Chubildas Lalloobhoy. That agreement might be described as an agreement by the Bombay Ice Company therein mentioned, to "pool" their profits, and it contained a number of provisions with that object. His lordship, therefore, in the first place, read the agreement and sub-agreement "in extenso." It would tend to brevity if his lordship made a "precis" of the clauses thereof so far as it was necessary for this judgment; and his lordship accordingly did so; and next set out Section 27 of the Indian Contract Act and the material parts of Section 23. The next question to be considered was, do any and if so, which of the clauses of the said agreement restrain any one from exercising his trade or business? Special attention must be paid to these words. They are "restrain from exercising" not "restrain in the exercise or in respect of a trade or business," which are two very different things. That this was so was, his lordship thought, clear from the exceptions set out in the section which his lordship had read. It was not necessary for him, his lordship said, to go through the sections of the agreement in detail. Having gone through the law of the case, his lordship said ice in India is a luxury; it is only a necessity to the better classes of society. It has for several years been manufactured at remarkably cheap rates. Excessive competition amongst the producers of it would probably result in their limitation as well as that of the product. His lordship said he must hold that neither the conception nor the object of this agreement was as opposed to public policy. His lordship found that the agreement in question so far as this suit was affected was valid in law and binding on the defendant. The defendants must bear the costs incurred by the haring and determination of this issue.

AN ASTROLOGER'S PREDICTIONS.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—The famous Astrologer and Yogashastri of Cawnpore, Pundit Ramnarayan, has arrived in Bombay and has put up at Kalbadevi Road. His name must not be unknown to the public, as he is the same pundit whose predictions regarding the late illness of his Majesty King Edward VII., the postponement of the Coronation, the conclusion of the Boer War, and others turned out to be true; and about whom the "Pioneer" in its publication of 10th November 1902, and the "Westminster Review" have spoken in high terms. "His power of prognostics" he says, lies in what psychic power he has acquired by the study of "yoga," and by the help of this "vidhya" he can concentrate his mind to such an extent as to predict the future. He is ready to convince anyone who may go to him by foretelling his future with a true statement of the past. Some of his predictions for the ensuing year are as follows:—

1. Between 17th of February and August 22nd, 1904 a great war will break out in Europe between Great Britain and other powers, in which the latter will gain their cause. It will originate with Russia and H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught shall have to visit different parts of the Continent in its connection.

2. In June H. M. King Edward VII. will suffer from fever and disorder in the body but shall entirely recover after 30 days. This illness will create much anxiety in the Royal Family.

3. England shall acquire two important native States of India, one towards the north and the other towards the Central Provinces between June 1st and November 17th.

4. About the beginning of 1905 H. E. Lord Curzon will be recalled, but circumstances will hinder him from going.

5. In June H. E. the Governor of Bombay will suffer illness, but shall entirely recover. Another illness awaits him in 1905 for a month and a half, but he shall again recover. He will be recalled in 1905 and shall retire with greater powers in 1903.

6. Plague will be less for Bombay and more for the Northern Provinces than in the preceding year. It will also rain untimely in different quarters of India.

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

CARROLL—December 11, at Shillong, the wife of Major E R W Carroll, I M S, of a son.
COLLINS—December 14, at Umballa, the wife of Captain J G Collins 2nd Battalion, the Black Watch of a daughter.
PLATEL—December 11, at 9 Middleton Row, Calcutta, the wife J J Patel, C S, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

GILLAM—KWING—December 9, at St Andrew's Kirk, Lahore, Punjab, by the Rev A H Ewing, Ph D, assisted by the Rev J C R Ewing, D D, the Rev Sylvanus Macauley Gillam, American Presbyterian Mission, Cawnpore, U P, to Caroline Estelle, second daughter of the late Rev W F Ewing, of Baltimore, U S A.
MURRAY—MULLENGER—December 9, at St Mary's Church, Bearsden, by Rev D A Cairns, Chaplain, Henry Murray, fourth son of Captain Murray, to Clara Handy, younger daughter of W C Mullenger, Esq, of Woodside, Wimbledon, Surrey.
QUINTON—IRWIN—December 7, at All Saints, Trimulgherry, by the Rev R O Jervis, Major F D Quinton, R F A, to Henrietta third daughter of Henry Irwin, Esq, C I F.
THORNELY—THOUP—December 11, at St Peter's, Fort, William, Calcutta, by the Rev A Sanders Dyer, M A, Michael Harris Thornely, Capt I M S, to Edith Mariatt daughter of Frank W Thoup, of Stanford Hill, London.

DEATH.

THOMPSON—December 11, at Abbottabad, Eleanor, the daughter of Major Powney Thompson, aged 4 months.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 23m. Sun sets, 5h. 23m. High water 10-57m., 11-51a. Low water, 5-9m., 4-40a.
Volkart's United Press Company, Marine Street 3 p. m.
New Mofussil Company, Hummum Street, 3 p. m.
University Examination Result—Second LL. B. Examination.
Girgaum Girl's High School, H. E. Lord Lamington being present.
Novelty Theatre, Mr. M. B. Leavitt's Variety Company, 9-30.
Concert in aid of Seamen's Institute Gaiety Theatre 9-30 p.m.

THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.—An entertainment in aid of this Institute will be given by the P and O. steamer Mangolia's minstrels in the Gaiety Theatre, to-night. An attractive programme has been arranged.

A PUBLIC LECTURE.—Mr. P. A. Wadia, M.A., will deliver a public lecture on Pantheism to morrow at 5-30 p.m. at the Framji Cowasji Institute. All who are interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend.

REPORTED BURGLARY.—Saligram Jagannath, a Hindu residing in Carpenter Street, has reported to the police that on Tuesday night some person or persons entered his house from the sweeper's gully and took away a small wooden box containing gold ornaments 400 sovereigns and currency-notes of the aggregate value of Rs. 10,184.

THE LATE MR. S. D. KHOTE.—A meeting of the friends and admirers of the late Mr. Sundernath Dinanath Khote will be held under the auspices of the Aryan Social Union in the Arya Samaj Hall at 6 p. m. to-day in order to give public expression to the deep regret caused by his premature death, and take steps to perpetuate his memory.

A CRICKET TOUR.—The following team of the "Rising Star Cricket Club" will start on Sunday night from Church Gate Station to play cricket matches at Bulsar and Surat during the Christmas vacation:—N. B. Chinai (captain); B. B. Kerawalla; S. F. Daver; M. D. Engineer; P. S. Sirvai; P. Palamkote; M. Moolla; J. Master; A. Dastur; A. Hongkongwalla; D. P. Daruwalla; Bamboto. K. Crawford (scorer); S. H. Khambata (umpire).

MUSIC AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—As arrangements have been made to have the Railway Volunteer Bands to play regularly as far as possible every Saturday afternoon in a suitable place in the interior of the Victoria Gardens, the public are informed that it will not be possible to allow carriages and bicycles etc in the Gardens beyonds the usual limit up to the turnstilegate. To avoid inconvenience to the public as many benches as are available will be placed near the bandstand.

BHATIA MITRA MANDAL.—The following appointments of officers of this Mandal have been made by the Managing Committee for the year Samvat 1951:—Madhavji Virji, Solicitor, President; Damoder Raoji, Vice-President; Govindji Meghaji, Honorary Secretary Narbheram Doolabji Ved, Assistant Secretary, Jivandas Narandas, Treasurer; Kaiyanji Liladhar Assistant Treasurer; Jamnadas Manordas and Vithaldas Purshotam, Secretaries; Soondardas Lakhmidas, General Manager; Parshotam Jivandas Mooljі and Damoder Soonder, General Treasurers.

A NEGLIGENT DRIVER.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Canty charged Ibrahim Vazzar, a hack victoria driver, with negligently driving his carriage and causing damage to the carriage of Captain Benle residing in Marine Line. It appeared that the accused while driving along Forbes Street yesterday took a sharp turn at the corner of Medows Street and collided with the carriage of Captain Benle causing considerable damage. The Magistrate convicted the accused and fined him Rs. 2, and also ordered him to pay Rs. 48 to the complainant as compensation for the damages done to his carriage.

A DISORDERLY SOLDIER.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Power charged Gunner Hassett with disorderly behaviour. It appeared that on the night of the 12th instant the accused assaulted Isa Mahomed hack victoria driver No. 681. Inspector Power stated that the accused was under the influence of liquor at the time and assaulted the police sepoy who tried to interfere. The gharrywala had been badly injured and was still unable to go to his work. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 10, Rs. 7 out of which were awarded to the gharrywalla as compensation.

ALLEGED FATAL ASSAULT.—At the Morgue yesday Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, concluded the adjourned inquest, relative to the death of Raghoo, a Hindu aged twenty years, who died from the effects of the injuries alleged to have been inflicted on him by Kashia Kumlia and Succoor Kumlia on the night of the 13th instant. The deceased was in the employ of one Barick Damaji and lived in his master's house at Matoonga. There had been an ill-feeling between Barick and the two assailents who were his cousins. On the night in question the two cousins broke into Barick's house, entered the room in which the deceased was asleep and belaboured him with bamboo cudgels. His ribs were fractured and his spleen ruptured. He died shortly afterwards. The jury returned a verdict of voluntarily causing grievous hurt against Kashia and Succoor.

KATHIAWAR NOTES.—A Limdi Correspondent writes:—The weather in Limbdi has now taken a change, and plague in Limbdi and the infected villages is fast subsiding. The Thakore Saheb himself has taken great trouble for the welfare of his subjects, and the Municipality and the Police Department have spared no pains in carrying out their duties. Though the plague has wrought great havoc in the city and the villages for about three months, and they had been thereby entirely depopulated, not a single case of burglary has occurred owing to the efficient arrangements of the Police Department. In the beginning of the plague one case of burglary was committed by a badmash of Rajkote called Pragji who broke into the house of one Jivaji Dandji vora of Limbdi but the offender was instantly arrested by the Superintendent Mr. Jalashanker Chhanganlal Raval with the stolen property in his possession.

ALLEGED SALE OF LIQUOR.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater Chief Presidency Magistrate, the case was called on for further inquiry in which Ardeshir Pestonji, a Parsee, was charged with selling a bottle of P. and O. whisky without a licence from the Collector of Abkari, Bombay. Mr. Smetham, of Messrs Smetham, Byrne, and Noble, solicitors appeared for the accused. The case for the prosecution having been closed the accused was called on to make a statement. He said he never sold a bottle of whisky to Mr. Fabris. On the day in question Mr. Fabris came to him in the afternoon and gave him an order for fifteen bottles of aerated water, a pillow, some oranges, dice, and a tumbler. He accordingly supplied the articles as ordered, and Mr. Fabris paid him Rs. 10-8 on his presenting a bill for them in the evening at train time. After receiving the payment he was going to leave the platform when he was stopped by Inspector MacLaughlin and taken back to the carriage. There the taxed him (accused) with having sold a bottle of whisky to Mr. Fabris. The accused denied having done so. Mr. MacLaughlin then asked him to produce the money paid to him by Mr. Fabris and the accused paid him Rs. 10-8 in presence of the panch. Further hearing of the case was adjourned.

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THE KASAULI PASTEUR INSTITUTE.

A HIGHLY interesting, as well as a satisfactory, report is that of the Pasteur Institute of India, which came to hand yesterday. During the past year it is shown that 584 patients were treated, an increase of 41 over the second year's working, and 263 over the first year, clearly demonstrating the increasing popularity of the institution. That both Europeans and natives appreciate it is to be deduced from the fact that of the total number 269 were of the former class and 315 of the latter. The Government of India has increased its annual grant from Rs. 9,500 to Rs. 12,000 which the Governments of Bombay and Madras have both contributed to the funds. Private individuals have made handsome donations, and there can be no doubt that the institution is now firmly established. To the report of the Central Committee is appended that of Lieutenant-Colonel Semple, the Director of the Institute, and it teems with information. The results of his treatment were that out of 584 cases there were but six failures As in each of these the patients went too late, they cannot really be considered failures, because their nerve centres became invaded by the virus of the animals which inflicted the bites before it was possible to complete treatment or to render them immune against the disease. The necessity for resorting at once to the treatment available at Kasauli is here made manifest, for, as Colonel Semple writes, once the virus of the animal which inflicted the bite reaches the nerve centres, which it does by growing along the nerves from the seat of the bite, it is not possible to stave off the subsequent onset of the disease by any known method of treatment. In a case of this kind, the Director says, hydrophobia sets in with certainty within a period of fourteen days or thereabouts. Not a single symptom need necessarily be present during the fourteen days' incubation period which follows the invasion of the nerve centres by the virus, and the only index to guide the scientific staff as to when this invasion took place is the time when the symptoms set in. These statements, Colonel Semple tells us, are based on the information derived from experimental rabies in animals.

The chapter devoted to anti-rabic serum shows that efforts have been directed to the improvement of the treatment in badly bitten and late cases, by diminishing the time required to produce immunity. Many difficulties came in the way of testing the possible prophylactic properties of the serum in regard to infection from the bites of rabid animals. The principal drawback is the fact that the animals require to be kept under observation for such a long time before any reliable conclusions can be drawn from the results. Seeing that it has the property of destroying rabies virus, in a mixture, it is reasonable, Colonel Semple holds, to suppose that it might be a very valuable first dressing to apply to the wounds produced by rabid animals and, in addition to this direct application, to be inoculated into the tissues around the seat of the bite as soon as possible. These points, therefore, the Director is now investigating, and will doubtless shortly be able to give us the results of his labours. He tells us, however, that when given hypodermically to animals it has no effect in warding off rabies when the virus has been inoculated subdurally, but it does not follow from this that it may not prevent the disease when infection takes place by the bites of rabid animals. In any case, when given hypodermically, it must confer a certain amount of passive immunity to rabies, but Colonel Semple admits that he has not yet sufficient evidence to induce him to trust to it entirely as a method of treatment. He is at present using it as a preliminary to the usual methods of treatment in badly bitten and late cases where there is good reason to believe that the animals which inflicted the bites suffered from rabies and so far with very good results. In these selected cases he reports that a dose of serum is given on the first day, after the usual methods of treatment are carried out, commencing the day after the serum. In badly bitten and late case the object of treatment is to confer a high degree of immunity as soon as possible. Colonel Semple, summarising the year's work at the institute, remarks: "We have not yet by any means solved all the problems connected with rabies and its treatment, and a solution of those remaining can only be attempted in a properly fitted up bacteriological laboratory. I am safe in hazarding the opinion that the anti-rabic treatment of to-day will not be the treatment carried out say ten years hence."

Colonel Semple devotes another section of his report to the subject of anthrax vaccine which will be read with eagerness by his scientific colleagues, particularly as his experiments have been sufficiently successful. But the section which will most interest the general reader is the one devoted to anti-venene. The preparation of antivenomous serum was commenced two years ago, and it is now being sent out for use all over India. In the experiments conducted at Kasauli it was found that in a case of cobra-bite when the patient is seen early and before symptoms have set in, antivenene may be injected hypodermically in the flanks, and it is advisable to give a full dose or more. When the patient is not seen until symptoms have set in the antivenene should be given intravenously. When thus given it at once comes into contact with the venom which has already been absorbed into the circulation. When given subcutaneously some time—probably two or three hours—is wasted before the whole of it is absorbed, and the autivenene does not have a chance of coming immediately into contact with the venom. It is possible to save a patient at a much later stage by giving the antivenene intravenously than hypodermically, and in this account Colonel Semple thinks it might be advisable to give it in all cases intravenously. A vein of the arm, either upper or forearm, he finds, is the best to select, and when made prominent by pressure and the syringe held parallel to it, keeping the slanting opening at the point of the needle into the lumen of the vessel, and to inject the serum slowly. The serum should be kept in the coolest room available and not exposed to the light, heat and light being the most important factors in bringing about deterioration. As to the treatment of the patient it is well to learn that it is a mistake to dose him with alcohol, ammonia, or strychnine, but that hot coffee or tea may do some good, with the exception of a ligature above the seat of the bite, when this is possible, no other form of local application does much good. A ligature applied early above the seat of the bite produces œdema, and in this way prevents absorption of some of the poison, or at least delays it from entering the general circulation. More time is thus gained for the admission of antivenene before symptoms of poison have set in.

A RECORD TEST MATCH.

THE first of the series of test matches between the M. C. C. team and Australia which has ended in a victory for England by five wickets will go down in cricket history as one of the most exciting on record. It is difficult to say which, in the course of the match, cricket-lovers found most to admire, the complete mastery obtained over the Australian bowling by the Englishmen in their first innings or the magnificent effort made to put a better complexion on the game by the Australians in their second innings. Cricket statisticians will find plenty to interest them in this historic match, for as far as test matches are concerned it was a record for records. First and foremost comes Mr. R. E. Foster's great score of 287, the highest individual innings ever played in a test match in either England or Australia, and with the exception of Mr. W. L. Murdoch's 211 for Australia at the Oval in 1884, the only score of over 200 ever made in a match between England and Australia. The second record of note established for these matches was in the aggregate number of runs scored in all thirty-five wickets falling for 1,541 runs. The Englishmen's first total of 577 furnished yet a third record beating the 551 put up by the Australians at the Oval in 1884 when besides Mr. Murdoch, Messrs. P. S. McDonnell and H. J. H. Scott scored centuries. A fourth record will probably be found in the stand made by Mr Foster and Braund in the Englishmen's first innings, when full details of the match come to hand. Four individual scores of three figures and two only a few runs short of the century were made in the match, facts which also establish a fresh record. The game must have been a most exciting one to watch in the concluding stage, as the Englishmen, despite their lead of 29 runs on the first innings were set the task of making 191 runs in the fourth innings of the match, and on Wednesday evening had lost four good wickets, including those of Mr. Foster, Braund, and Tyldesley for 122 runs. Probably never before in the history of cricket has a side had to fight so hard for victory in an important match after holding such a big lead on the first innings, and, in view of the uncertainties of the game it was doubly fortunate that the M. C. C. team had practically no tail, every man on the side being likely to weigh in with a useful 30 or 40. It would be hard to think of two better batsmen to become associated when a great effort was required at a critical juncture of a game than Hayward and Hirst, and nobly they stuck to their task until victory declared for England. Their scores of 91 and 60, not out, respectively, were in their way quite as valuable as the larger contributions of Mr. Foster and Braund in the first innings. The result of the match, will of course, cause great jubilation among English cricketers, but although it places England one to the good in the struggle for the "ashes" we would not prophesy an easy time for the M. C. C. team in the remaining matches of the series.

THE HEALTH OF THE CITY.

THERE was again a slight increase in the mortality of the city of Bombay last week, the aggregate total of deaths amounting to 587 as against 581 a week ago. This increase was practically due to a slight rise in the number of deaths from plague; the fluctuations of the other causes of death almost balance each other upon a comparison with last week's vital statistics. The mortality rate, 39·33 per thousand per annum, is considerably higher than was the case a month ago, but it is still fairly low as compared with the figures of other year. Thus in the corresponding week of last year the total amounted to 708 and the mille rate to 47·44. The averages for the five years are, respectively, 813 and 52·61. These excessive figures are to a great extent to be accounted for by the state of the plague epidemic in recent years at this particular season. However, another contributory cause to the enhanced death rate was the alarming mortality from diseases of the respiratory system. In this respect, the city has every reason to be thankful for the course which events have taken recently. As a matter of fact the statistics for the present week disclose a rather large increase in the total of deaths from diseases of the lungs, but the figures are still considerably below the average. To turn to the plague epidemic we find that last week there were 56 deaths, an increase of five over the previous seven days. The disease has occasioned mortality which has hovered around this total for a couple of months past, and as yet there is no evidence of any serious increase. This is a matter for gratitude. Last year 122 deaths occurred in the corresponding period, and the average is 123. Strangely enough last week Mandvi, the home of the plague, recorded only one death. It is to be hoped that this state of things will be maintained, though probably it is too much to expect that it will be improved upon. The district which recorded the highest total of deaths was Umarkhadi, where there were six fatal cases of the disease. The Market came next with five, and there were several districts in which four deaths occurred. There were 51 deaths from fever, a better total than that of last week, but still by no means so good as has been the case recently. Last year there were only 43 deaths, but the present week's figures compare well with the average mortality which amounts to 90 deaths. The city is practically free from small pox and measles, and the mortality from other causes is not particularly excessive. There were three deaths amongst the European community, and this gives a mille rate of 12·71 per thousand per annum.

THE CROPS IN BOMBAY.

THE crop reports received during the past week from the districts of the Bombay Presidency again exhibit some improvement in respect of the locust plague which has caused so much trouble recently. In other respects the prospects of the season seem to be very satisfactory and cultivators appear to be very sanguine. A few of the Deccan districts complain of an insufficiency of moisture, but otherwise seasonable operations are proceeding without delay. The Sind reports state that locusts have again appeared in several of the talukas of Karachi. However, they seem to have done little damage up to the present. Slight damage is also stated to have been done in the Upper Sind Frontier district by grasshoppers, and the rice crop has been injured by rats in Thar and Parkar. All these instances of damage, however, only appear to be slight blemishes in what appears to be a generally good situation. Harvesting, threshing, and winnowing are now progressing, and the sowing of the rabi crop is practically at an end. In Gujarat the effects of the recent locust pest are still being felt, although no further damage is reported. Surat in particular seems to have suffered from this cause. The rice and jowari harvest continues in some talukas of Ahmedabad and in Surat, but elsewhere in Gujarat it is at an end, and cultivators are now dividing their attention between the sowing of the rabi crop and the threshing of rice and other grain. The wheat and grain crops seem to be in good condition everywhere, and cotton is doing well. In the Konkan the locusts have altogether disappeared except from one or two talukas of Ratnagiri. What is most needed in the Deccan, as already pointed out, is more rain. Unfortunately no rain has fallen since the last reports were received, and the rabi crops are suffering severely in Ahmednagar and Poona. Everywhere the sowing of the rabi crops is in progress, and cultivators have commenced to pick the cotton crop. In the hilly districts of Satara locusts have again appeared. In the remainder of the Presidency conditions are all that could be desired. Cultivators are very busy in Belgaum and Dharwar. In Bijapur operations have been retarded owing to a severe epidemic of plague. The prices of food grains are either stationary or almost stationary throughout the Presidency.

THE Bank of Bombay yesterday raised its rate of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 5 per cent.

MR. SIDNEY PRESTON, head of the Irrigation Department, is now making a tour in the Central Provinces.

THE Army Clothing Department, Bengal, is still being called upon to supply clothing for the South African Constabulary, extra material to the value of £3,000 being indented from Home in connection with the force.

AN extraordinary case of suicidal hanging, in which death supervened nine days after the event, is recorded in "The Indian Medical Gazette." The unfortunate victim, a native girl, twelve years of age, was found hanging from the branch of a tree. When the body was cut down, it was found that the breath was suspended. The friends and relatives of the girl, with a presence of mind and a knowledge rare in the class concerned, kneaded her chest for about ten minutes, with the result that breathing was restored. The strange part of the case, however, is that the girl did not recover consciousness and, died as stated, nine days afterwards.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending December 15th was 587, giving a death-rate of 39·38 per annum per thousand as against 47·44 the corresponding period of last year, and 52·61 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 51 died from fevers; 56, plague; 4, small pox; 0, measles; 1, cholera; 3, leprosy; 48, phthisis; 46, diseases of the nervous system 136, affections of the respiratory organs; 34, diarahœa; 15, dysentery; 37, still born; 91, old age and debility; 14, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 33; Brahmin, 17; Lingaet, 5, Bhattia, 2; Hindu of other caste, 297; Hindu low caste, 50; Musalman, 138; Parsee 22; Jew, 4; Native christian, 14; Eurasian, 1; European 3; Negro African, 1; Buddhist, 0 other and unknown castes, The total number of births was 439 as against 417 the corresponding period of last year, and 293 the average over the past five years.

THERE is serious plotting in Servia to dethrone King Peter and place his son on the throne.

TELEGRAMS to the Australian papers, dated December 7th, state: the death has occurred of Sir John Robinson, formerly of the "Daily News."

A PAINFUL sensation has been caused by a semi-official statement published in Vienna that a Regency will be appointed in Berlin in the event of the Emperor William going south to recuperate.

GRAYS Inn have refused to admit a lady who passed her examinations to the bar. The Lord Chancellor said there was no president for such admission and neither was it desirable to create one.

PROFESSOR KOCH, after visiting South Africa, reports that coast fever must eventually kill ninety per cent. of the cattle of that country. The only preventive is inoculation, which will involve a great expenditure.

DR. MORRISON reports that Cossacks are patrolling the country to the west of the Lian River. The Japanese newspapers unanimously criticise Mr. Balfour's speech extolling the Tsar's love of peace, and say that instead of relying on the moderation and discretion of Japan, Mr. Balfour should sympathise and approve of the zeal of Japan, because Japan is determined not to become an object of derision among people whose independence she is pledged to protect.

THE STORY OF AN AFRICAN RISING.

EFFECT OF A HOUSE TAX.

"Now I will wager a moderate stake that a very considerable proportion of the British public have never so much as heard even of the rising in Sierra Leone and the terrible massacre which followed it." So writes Mr. Braithwaite Wallis in his book on "The Advance of Our West African Empire," and we would be quite willing to go shares in his wager. In 1898-99 a far more threatening and ominous war cloud was rising over the Southern horizon than the rebellion of the Sierra Leone Protectorate. The thoughts of the newspaper-reading public were concentrated on the Boer Republics. The trumpetings of the Uitlander quite drowned the wail of despair that rose from the little West African State. Yet there were things done in the Sierra Leone rising that at any other moment would have sent a thrill horror through the kingdom.

"Here some of the most atrocious and treacherous murders recorded in history occurred—murders preceded by all the ingenious devices of torture of which the depraved mind of the African savage is capable. Black and white, old and young alike, were cut down and butchered in cold blood. Delicate white ladies were first outraged and then brutally done to death. Hundreds of educated Sierra Leoneans, clergymen, missionaries, traders, and even innocent little children, were tortured and afterwards hacked literally to pieces or burnt alive. It was a very carnival of slaughter, engineered by hordes of ruffians in whose veins ran some of the cruellest blood in all wild Africa" Mr. Wallis gives a very literal and terrible account of many of these atrocities. We will not harrow the reader's feelings by quoting him further on this point; nor will we attempt to follow the intricacies of the bush campaign that followed, in which our English officers, with their handfuls of native troops, very gallantly, though with infinite difficulty, got the rebellion under and re-established our rule in the Protectorate. There is another line of inquiry which seems to us, writes a "Reviewer," more interesting and more profitable, and which is touched by Mr. Wallis in certain pages relating to the causes of the rising.

The Protectorate of Sierra Leone, that is, our annexation of the hinterland of the coast Colony which was already ours, came into official existence in 1896. At that time the natives were peaceably disposed. In 1894, 1895, and 1896 Sir Frederic Cardew made serveral tours all over the hinterland with the object of acquainting himself with the whole Colony and Protectorate. In 1896 he held a great many imporant meetings at the headquarters of the various tribes, in which the future provisions for the government of the country were explained to the chiefs. It is in these meetings that we first hear ominous mention of the house tax. This consisted of a yearly tax of ten shillings on every house of four rooms or more, and five shillings on every smaller habitable house in Protectorate. The tax was not to be collected till January 1, 1898. No sooner had Sir Frederic completed his final tour than a perfect shower of petitions were sent in to the Government begging for the remission of the house tax, and also for a modification of several other clauses of the Ordinance. All through 1896 and 1897 these petitions came pouring in. One was signed by no less than sixty-four chiefs. It expecially peaded poverty against the house tax. Another large petition was contributed by the paramount chiefs of the Kwia and Timini countries.

It complained of several clauses of the Ordinance anddeclared that "the chiefs now considered all their ancient rights and power were at an end, as they were deprived of their right of hearing lawsuits regarding their lands." It also petitioned that "their own family slaves should be allowed to remain with them, that the building of gaols in thier country should cease," that their ancient rites and customs should not be interfered with," and, referring to the house tax, it objects that "tax will make the people poorer than they are at present, who are too poor to pay this tax, and consequently the burden will fall upon the chiefs." In all these petitions the chief grievance complained of is the house tax. Of all causes of complaint, as the Boompe chiefs pointed out in a representation by special envoy, "the most principal is the house tax; and we are not opposing, but we are really poor, and not in a position of paying; therefore, we humbly pray that his Excellency will pity our case in this respect." Finding these appeals had no effect, the petitioners sent a further protest in September, 1897, requesting that it should be forwarded to her majesty, and ont 26th October they sent a telegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, begging for a reduction of the house tax. It seems that this tax on their "sleeping places" was particularly abnoxious, as it seemed to testify a wish of the Government to take their country from them. Our own fear is that paying for our huts naturally means no right to our country.

These petitions were all without effect. "Some chiefs from the Mendi country came to Freetown, and had a personal interview with the Governor without any result. The chiefs generally then stated their inability or point blank refusal to pay the tax. The time for its collection arrived. Attempts to collect it were made. Refractory chiefs were arrested and sentenced to terms of imprisonment. A spirit of furious discontent spread rapidly. The signal was passed from, tribe to tribe, and finally the whole Protectorate rose in rebellion, and the bloody deeds described in these pages were enacted.

Mr. Wallis is an employee and champion of the Government. He maintains that the house tax might easily have been paid, that British rule was an unmitigated blessing to the distracted native tribes and that it was but just that they should help to defray the cost of it. All this may be true enough, but it does not meet the question which the reader of Mr. Wallis book will probably find himself asking. That question simply is whether it is wise to suggest burdens and sacrifices to a people before they have had an opportunity of estimating the value of those blessings for which they are asked to pay. To Mr. Wallis, no doubt, and to Sir Frederic Cardew, the desirability of a settled Government in that distracted region was a palpable fact. But was it to be expected that the natives themselves would see it in that light? To Bai Shakka and Queen Yoko and the rest of them ambuscades and slave raids were part of the routine of existence. They wished for nothing better for they knew of nothing better. If Sir Frederic had first shown them advantages of good government, and then called upon them to pay towards its up keep, it is not likely that the demand would have been resisted.

Indeed, as we consider the facts of the case, it seems as if, had it been our express object to goad a people into inssurection, we could scarcely have adopted our measures more skilfully. About these facts there appears to be no dispute. It is certain that the people were peaceably disposed at first; that they welcomed our pioneers and traders, and in no case molested them. It is certain, secondly, that they had no objection to foreign government, and that it was not till the promulgation of the provisions that they took deep and really quite natural offence. Thirdly, it is certain that for two years they exhausted themselves in petitions and appeals before they flew to arms. When once the war stage was reached, it is true, their abominable behaviour was such as to alienate all sympathy; but that does not affect our own responsibility for the causes leading to the outbreak. This is the second rebellion and massacre in Africa due to premature taxation, The other was the Matabele rising. There are still vast tracts of the interior to be opened up, and it our present methods are persisted in "we shall have more anon."

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

IRISH VOLUNTEERS.

An Historic Departure.

NATION'S PROSCRIPTION REMOVED.

LONDON, DECEMBER 17.

Several newspapers announce that the Government is preparing a scheme for 26 batallions of Volunteers in Ireland.

[There have been no National Volunteers in Ireland since Grattan's corps were enrolled and disbanded over a hundred years ago. There have been rebels in arms at intervals since then, but the British Government has not until now felt sufficient confidence in the loyalty of Ireland to permit volunteers to be enrolled there.]

THE FISCAL FIGHT.

Mr. Chamberlain at Leeds.

A TARIFF COMMISSION.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

Mr Chamberlain concluded his provincial campaign at Leeds this evening where the meeting was most enthusiastic.

He outlined the scheme prepared by the Tariff Reform League for a non-political commission of experts comprising representatives of industries and also of India and the Crown and self-governing Colonies which would examine witnesses in every trade and thereafter frame a trade tariff.

LONDON, DECEMBER 17.

The papers await the particulars of the Chamberlain Commission with the greatest interest.

The "Standard" ridicules the idea and demands a Royal Commission.

THE LEVANT TROUBLE.

United States' Action.

WARSHIPS FOR OUTRAGED CONSUL.

An American warship has been placed at the disposal of the American Consul at Alexandretta, who was assaulted by the Police there when escorting an Armenian naturalized American subject to his ship. He will now return to Alexandretta in the warship and will himself arrange the terms of his reception.

The Armenian has since been released and allowed to sail.

THE FAR EAST.

Disorders in Korea.

DESPATCH OF U. S. WARSHIP.

America is sending a warship to Korea owing to the uneasiness caused by the recent rioting there.

THE MACEDONIAN REFORMS.

The statement made by the "Standard's" Constantinople correspondent that General Craveri had been appointed to command the Macedonian gendarmerie is denied at Rome.

A CEYLON LIBEL ACTION.

The Lemesurier Case.

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANTS.

In the libel action brought by Mr. Lemesurier against the "Ceylon Observer" the King's Bench has given a judgment for the defendants with costs.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

Commercial Conventions.

APPROVED BY THE SENATE.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

The French Senate has passed a Bill approving of the Commercial Conventions with Great Britain regarding Ceylon, Seychelles, British East Africa, and India.

THE COTTON INDUSTRY.

Short Time Movement.

A memorandum from the Labour Department of the Board of Trade says that the improvement in the cotton industry in November was maintained.

A conference of Cotton Spinners was held at Manchester yesterday when it was resolved to ask the American and Continental Cotton Associations if they are prepared to agree to short time.

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

Speech by Emperor of Austria.

THE BALKANS QUESTION.

The Emperor Francis Joseph in receiving the Delegation at Vienna emphasised the renewal of the Triple Alliance which Austria was determined to maintain.

His Majesty dwelt upon the close harmony between Austria and Russia especially in connection with the Balkans.

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To Rs. 10,000 to 200 against placing the first three in the Viceroy's Cup. CHARLES HARDING, 23, Esplanade Road, next to Bombay Club, Fort, Bombay.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE HOTTENTOT RISING.

German Patrol Driven off.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

Renewed fighting has taken place in Damaraland with the Hottentots who drove a German patrol across the Hartebeeste River and wounded an officer and one soldier.

The Cape Police on the opposite bank of the river came under fire.

THE SERVIAN REGICIDES.

Powers Require their Removal.

SENSATION AT BELGRADE.

A sensation has been caused at Beigrade by the publication of a remark made by the Emperor Francis Joseph when receiving the new Servian Minister at Vienna. His Majesty said that friendly relations between the Powers and Servia could only be renewed when the regicides had been removed from King Peter's entourage.

GREEK POLITICAL CRISIS.

Resignation of the Premier.

M. Ralli, the Greek Premier, has resigned owing to the lack of support accorded to him.

ENGLAND AND ITALY.

Colonel Harrington at Rome.

RELATIONS IN ABYSSINIA.

Colonel Harrington is visiting Rome on his way to Abyssinia for the purpose of exchanging views on several questions. He has conferred with the Foreign Minister and the interview testified to the perfect harmony of views.

GERMAN ARMY SCANDALS.

Brutalities on Soldiers.

OFFICER AND NON-COM. CONVICTED.

Lieutenant Schilling's trial at Metz for the maltreatment of soldiers has resulted in his being sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment.

A sergeant who was also tried has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment and expulsion from the army for 1,520 cases of maltreatment.

The court in passing sentence declared the sergeant had behaved with the brutality of a cattle driver.

THE TEST MATCH.

Brilliant English Victory.

A FIVE WICKETS' WIN.

Warner's team, according to the latest news, has made 122 for four wickets in the second innings. Hayward unfinished with 60 and continues to-morrow.

LONDON, DECEMBER 17.

The English team has won the first test match by five wickets.

Hayward scored 91 and Hirst made 60 unfinished.

FREEMASONRY AT POONA.

MAJOR-GENERAL BURNETT ENTERTAINED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DECEMBER 17.

The Freemasons of Poona, together with some of the craft from Bombay, Lanowli, and Ahmednagar, met at the Masonic Hall last night to give a befit ing farewell to Major-General Burnett who is leaving India shortly. Nearly 100 Masons assembled.

The toast of the evening was that of the departing Past Master of Lodge Orion in the West, Major General Burnett. Captain Curtis, Master of the Lodge, proposed the toast and gave a history of the General, and spoke of the great interest he had taken in Freemasonry.

General Burnett's rising was received with loud and continued cheering. He said he most heartily thanked those present. It was always gratifying to a man in any walk of life to find that his efforts to do anything had met with appreciation. But he felt that his services to Freemasonry had been far too greatly enlarged on. He wished that all the world could become Freemasons and regard each other in that light. They all knew that the Poet Burns was a Mason. The principles of Masonry were good, and he would tell those who were not Masons that the extension of those principles would make men better, for a man could not be a good Mason and a bad man. He again thanked the Masons and also thanked the Past and Present Masters of the Lodge.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The troops in Garrison will parade as strong as possible on Saturday, the 19th December for Ceremonial Drill on the General Parade Ground at 7-30 a.m., to be drawn in line facing the East in the following order.—Royal Garrison Artillery ; 1st Battn., Cheshire Regiment ; 117th Mahrattas ; 121st Pioneers ; 12 paces interval between Units.

Temporary leave of absence is granted to Lieut-Colonel R. H. Light, 117th Mahrattas, from 24th December to 2nd January.

Colonel G. D. N. Leake, R. A. M. C., Principal Medical Officer, Bombay and Nagpur Districts, arrived and assumed charge of the office on the 15th instant.

The first Battalion, Cheshire Regiment, will detail a guard of honour, of 100 rank-and-file, with band and regimental color, under the command of a Captain with two Subalterns, to parade at the Secretariat in Review Order—cloth—on Tuesday the 22nd December at 4-15 p.m. to receive his Excellency the Governor. His Excellency will be received with a general salute on arrival at, and departure from, the Secretariat. A salute of 17 guns will be fired from the Saluting Battery at 4-30 p.m.

THE VICEROY'S RETURN TO CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 17.

The Viceroy arrived at Calcutta at 5 o'clock this evening and received a warm welcome from the large crowds of Europeans and natives who lined the route from the Howrah railway station to Government House. It was generally remarked : "Hero ; extremely fit he is looking."

THE BENGAL PRESIDENCY.

THE PROPOSED TRANSFERS TO ASSAM.

A telegram from Mymensingh says that the Government of India's letter proposing the transfer of Dacca and Mymensingh to Assam has created great excitement and alarm and that arrangements are being everywhere made to hold public protest meetings.

THE THIBET MISSION.

TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES.

A Bankipore correspondent writes that the maidan is a sight at present. Crowds of ekkas of all sorts and sizes are swarming about the place. They are being purchased for Sikkim.

It is reported that the Indian troops are bearing the intense cold of Thibet very successfully. The transport difficulties are immense and a number of bullocks of the Teesta Valley are reported to be suffering from disease while a number of yaks from Nepal have also fallen sick. It is understood that Colonel Younghusband has taken on the 23rd Pioneers, half a company of Madras Sappers and Miners, a section of No. 7 British Artillery, the machine gun detachment of the Norfolks, and native field hospitals.

The country now reached is described as the Upper Kulu Valley.

One of the reasons given for the secrecy observed in regard to the Thibet Mission is that the Government has reason to believe that there are many Thibetan emissaries in Calcutta.

THE STEAM-SHIP UMBRIA.

LUCKNOW, December 17.—The London Correspondent of the "Indian Daily Telegraph" wires :—The Cunarder Umbria encountered terrible weather on her voyage to New York. The emigrants on board were panic-stricken and uncontrollable.

THE GORDON-BENNETT MOTOR RACE.

Gigantic preparations are being made for the Gordon-Bennett Motor Race at Taurus, Germany.

THE EDUCATION FIGHT.

The education fight in London is becoming more bitter every day, and many Bishops are actively participating.

THE PUNJAB MANŒUVRES.

EPISODES OF THE NORTHERN ATTACK.

LAHORE DECEMBER 17.

A Correspondent with the Northern Army describing the second phase of the advance on Rawalpindi says that two brigades of four were despatched in all secrecy to debouch suddenly on the plain from behind the hills, but the correspondent says it was discovered that this movement was fully known as asserted by the Southern Army correspondent, this being due to the tapping of the commissariat, as the arrangements for such a large force were necessarily on a scale attracting notice and suggesting direction required. He also states that the rear guard action reported by the Southern Correspondent was a ridiculous episode arising from 5th Gurkhas receiving permission to quit the manœuvres owing to a case of chickenpox, but they were recalled and were assailed whilst they considered themselves neutral. He alleges that the Northern Cavalry once had to abandon a part of their baggage owing to the order for retirement reaching them very late, but lack of enterprise on the part of the enemy enabled the abandoned baggage to reach home safely. His latest information concerning Monday's proceedings is that the turning movement against Rawalpindi already referred to only resulted in two northern guns being put out of action upon long range artillery fire, no other fighting taking place

THE TILAK APPEAL CASE.

MR. DAVAR'S FURTHER ARGUMENTS.

POONA, DECEMBER 17.

Mr. Davar resumed his argument to-day in the Tilak appeal case. He referred to the evidence of Gotubai, Tai's maid, as well as of Tai Maharaj herself and to what occurred at Aurungabad on their arrival there with Tilak and Kharpade. He submitted that the evidence conclusively proved that the party went to Aurungabad for the purpose of selecting boys and not for adopting. There was no deed of adoption but the piece of paper that passed between Tilak and Juggernath's father. The boy alleged to have been adopted was only an agreement between them. Tai was not an executing party but merely an attesting witness to the agreement. She signed the paper without knowing its contents, and the words "I agree to this" were not in the paper when she signed it. They were written with a different pen. There was considerable force in her evidence on this point. The case was different at Bala Maharaj's adoption. When Tai executed the adoption deed no registrar was called though he could have been. There was no taking-in adoption ceremony but only giving It was only a transaction between Tilak and Juggernath's father. The number of shastras had been taken to Aurungabad to take the horoscope of the selected boys. Two of them had been examined, and they stated that they had not seen Tai. The adoption was intended to have taken place on the 27th June, 1901, but it was by accident that the date had to be altered to 28th. Tilak went late at night on the 27th with the so-called adoption deed, but she was retiring, and it was not signed till the following day. Tilak then in explanation of the corporeal giving and taking said that the adoption was a continuous one between the 27th and the 28th. The letter which was written by Tilak to Kumbojkar, another trustee, on his arrival in Poona from Aurungabad was not produceable though Tilak had produced other letters which he had written to him. The Judge considered the letter a most important one and enquired why it could not be produced. Mr. Khare said that he could only obtain certain letters. The Judge said that he would have to draw his own inference on the matter. Mr. Davar was still addressing the court when it rose for the day.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

The Honourable Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola is appointed Sheriff of Bombay for the ensuing year, to be computed from the 20th December, in succession to Mr. Leslie Crawford.

Mr. A. F. H. Comber, Police Officer in charge of his Highness the ex-King Thebaw, is allowed an extension for ten days of the privilege leave for one month granted to him.

Mr. H. C. Mules acts as Commissioner in Sind during the absence of Mr. A. Cumine, I. C. S. on privilege leave, or pending further orders.

Mr. A. Cumine, I. C. S., Commissioner in Sind, is granted privilege leave for one month from the 14th December, or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Captain J. K. Condon, Assistant Political Agent, Fourth Grade, has been permitted to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Major D. J. O. Tailor is appointed Assistant Cantonment Magistrate, Poona and Kirkee, and Secretary to the Cantonment Committee, Kirkee.

Mr. A. G. Critchell acts as City Magistrate, Karachi during the absence on privilege leave of Mr. A. E. Cumine, pending further orders.

Mr. J. T. Mungovan, Third Grade Assistant Superintendent of Police, Poona, resigned the service of Government with effect from the 10th November

Captain E. O'Brien, Assistant Political Resident Aden, is invested with all the powers, excepting the power under Section 407, conferred on a Magistrate of the First Class.

Mr. B. C. H. Calcraft-Kennedy, I. C. S. on relief, to act as Judge and Sessions Judge, Thana, vice Mr. R. S. Tipnis proceeding on leave, pending further orders.

Sir Edmund C. Cox, Bart., on return to duty, to be District Superintendent of Police, Hyderabad.

Mr. K. A. Reinold, on relief, to act as District Superintendent of Police, Thana, pending further orders.

Mr. E Priestley, on relief, to be Assistant Superintendent of Police, Thana.

Mr. Joseph Bicarro, Assistant Secretary to Government, Judicial and Legislative Departments is placed on special duty for a period of six months from the 4th January for the purpose of examining the proposals submitted by the District Judges for the revision of establishments of the District and Subordinate Courts.

Mr. C. E. Palmer, I.C.S., Assistant Judge Ahmedabad is invested with the appellate jurisdiction described in Section 17 of the Bombay Civil Courts Act, 1869.

Mr. H. Page, M. A. (Cantab.), I.C.S., Assistant Judge, Ratnagiri is invested with the appellate jurisdiction described in Section 17 of the Bombay Civil Courts Act, 1869.

Mr. W. M. F. Clarke, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Belgaum, is appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police, Poona.

The services of Major D. J. O. Taylor, officiating Cantonment Magistrate, Nowgong, are placed at the disposal of the Government of Bombay for employment as an Officiating Assistant Cantonment Magistrate.

Mr. W. O. Alcock, I. C. S., Assistant Judge, Belgaum, is invested with the appellate jurisdiction described in Section 17 of the Bombay Civil Courts Act, 1869.

Mr. C. S. McKenzie acts as Deputy Conservator of Forests, First Grade, and to hold charge of the Sind Circle in addition to his own duties, during the absence on leave of Mr. T. R. D. Bell, or pending further orders.

Mr. J. L. Rieu, I. C. S., to act as Collector of Karachi, in addition to his own duties, vice Mr. H. C. Mules.

The Reverend L. M. Haslope, M. A. (Oxon.), on return from furlough, does duty at the Presidency and to visit out-stations.

The services of Mr. L. Robertson, I. C. S., are placed at the disposal of the Government of India with effect from the date of his arrival.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Owen, late 21st Empress of India Lancers (on leave), is appointed Military Secretary, to his Excellency.

Surgeon-Major W. C. Beevor, M.B., CM.G. officiates as Military Secretary to his Excellency in addition to his duties as Medical Officer, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Owen on leave.

Mr. J. H. DuBoulay, I.C.S., is appointed Private Secretary to his Excellency.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to the Civil Service of India, and to the Presidency of Bombay, in the following order :—Charles William Aldis Turner, Archibald Morven Macmillan, Edward John Bolus, Alexander Montgomerie, George Herbert Cowan, Arthur Fasken Kindersley, Bernard William Kissan, John Edwin Husbands' Herbert Louis Box.

THE BOMBAY HUNT.

A FIELD of moderate dimensions journeyed out to the Cross Roads yesterday, and after allowing sufficient time for an inspection of the pack by the assembled company the Master trotted off to draw a likely looking brushwood covert half a mile or so on the railway side of the appointed tryst.

The pack very shortly discovered a legitimate object of pursuit, and merrily we scampered along over what seemed to be an interminable stretch of melon ground, up to the spur of Sahar Hill, but disdaining this thickly wooded eminence our quarry set forth upon the open and led us over more melon-ground towards Sahar village.

Crossing the Pipe some two or three hundred yards to the left of the church we galloped our fastest over paddy-fields towards the Andheri Road, crossing the backwater close to the stone bridge, over the Vehar Road, and after traversing a stretch of indifferent country we enter a belt of well nigh unrideable undergrowth, and here one hurrying sportsman nearly shared the same fate as that gentleman of scriptural fame, he being ruthlessly dragged from his steed, the while loudly protesting, by an unwelcome binder which encircled itself around its victim's neck and deposited him in a sitting posture behind his fast vanishing steed.

Wending our way along tortuous paths with nothing to guide us but the music of the pack, we hit off a stoney but welcome lane along which we galloped for some distance, then plunging again into more jungle we eventually emerge at the foot of the highest and most precipitous hill in the Powai range and here a jack was viewed by one or two of the field travelling along the valley with a couple or so of hounds in hot pursuit, while the remainder of the pack hunted steadily up to the summit of the hill, the field wisely dismounted at the base, but not so the Master and Stacey who pushed up the centre of this almost perpendicular ascent and were presently seen disappearing over the very summit from whence a cheery "who-up" proclaimed that our quarry had met his fate.

And so we returned to Santa Cruz to the welcome refreshment provided by the Jackal Club, and while we sit around the table, relate the many delightful incidents of the run to envious listeners who, owing to some misfortune or another, have been prevented from participating in the morning's sport.

Our Poona contingent were yesterday morning conspicuous by their absence, and an alarming rumour was going the rounds that an accident had befallen to one of their number and that his brother sportsman had remained in Poona to minister to his wants. No details were forthcoming, and we sincerely hope that the accident—for accident there must have been, to stop these hard-riding enthusiasts from putting in an appearance—may prove to be of no serious nature and that we shall see their well-known forms in the saddle at our next meet.

JACKAL.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

An adjourned meeting of the Bombay Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall, Mr. James MacDonald presiding.

PRIMARY EDUCATION.

The Corporation considered a letter from the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, with regard to the arrangements for the inspection of primary schools in the city of Bombay. The letter states :—"At present the Joint Schools Committee maintains a staff of three Deputy Educational Inspectors, who are officers of Government lent to the Municipality, at an annual cost of Rs. 8632, towards which Government contribute yearly a sum of Rs. 3000 under the arrangements sanctioned in 1891. His Excellency the Governor-in-Council thinks that the time has come for reconsidering the arrangements made in 1891 and assimilating them to those in force in the rest of the Presidency and in England. Government therefore proposes to take over, from 1st January next or such other date as may be convenient to the Corporation the three Deputy Educational Inspectors, and at the same time to withdraw the contribution of Rs. 3,000. From the date mentioned Government will maintain at their own expense the existing staff of Deputy Educational Inspectors, who will inspect Municipal Primary Schools in accordance with No. 2 of the By-laws confirmed by Government Notification dated the 12th February 1890, and also aided primary schools and furnish copies of their inspection reports to the Joint Schools Committee."

Rao Bahadur Dhakji Cashinathji proposed that the letter be forwarded to the Joint Schools Committee and to the Commissioner for information.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola proposed an amendment to the effect that the President be requested to ascertain from Government whether the new arrangement made any alteration in the relation now subsisting between the Joint Schools Committee and the Inspectorial staff, and if so, what would be the nature of the alteration.

Rao Bahadur Dhakji withdrew his proposition in favour of the amendment, which was adopted.

DEPORTATION OF PAUPER IMMIGRANTS.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. P. M. Mehta a sub-committee was appointed to report on the letter from the Commissioner in regard to the liability of the Corporation in regard to the charges incurred in deporting pauper immigrants from Bombay.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE IMPROVEMENT TRUST ACT.

Mr. Hormusji Shaparji Vakil asked for and having obtained priority moved :—"That a committee be appointed for preparing a memorial to the Government of Bombay requesting them to amend the City of Bombay Improvement Act (Bombay Act, IV of 1898) amongst others in the following particulars :—(a) The time of 30 days given to the Corporation for approval of the Trustees Schemes be extended. (b) That the Trustees be directed to give full particulars to the Corporation when they send their Schemes for approval of the Corporation. (c) That the representatives of the Corporation on the Board of Trustees be increased from four to seven. (d) That the Act be so amended as to give direct jurisdiction to the High Court in all cases decided by the Special Collectors or the Tribunal of Appeal. (e) That the 15 per cent. allowed by the Land Acquisition Act for compulsory sales under the said Act be allowed under the City Improvement Act. (f) That the Trustees be directed to acquire the properties notified within a fixed time after the date of such notification." He said it would be remembered that about two years and a half ago he brought forward a proposition for the amendment of the city of Bombay Improvement Trust Act. The proposition did not meet with the approval of some of the members, who contended that Government would not entertain any proposal for amending the Act so soon after they had passed it, no such ground now existed. It was now nearly five years since the Act was passed and some of its defects had been admitted even by the Trustees themselves, as from the published reports it would be found that the trustees themselves had been approaching Government to amend certain sections of the Act. The time given to the Corporation for approval of the trustees' schemes was very limited, and should be extended. With regard to item no 2 there could not be any doubt that the Board ought to furnish the Corporation with much more extended details than they did while submitting their schemes for the approval of the Corporation. With regard to item No 3 he said the Corporation was only represented by four members on the board of fourteen, which he considered was inadequate, bearing in mind the large contributions the Corporation made to the Trust. Referring to the Tribunal of Appeal, he (the speaker) considered that persons affected by decisions of the Tribunal should have the right of taking cases decided either by the Tribunal or the Special Collector to the High Court. At present the house owners were forced to part with their properties much under their real value and put to considerable hardships by the trustees not acquiring properties within a fixed period. He submitted that a case had been made out for the Corporation making a representation to Government on the lines suggested by his proposition.

Mr. Munmohandas Ranji seconded the proposition.

Dr. A. G. Veigas said several of the points put forward in the proposition had been considered by the trustees, who had passed a resolution to the effect that the time given to the Corporation should be extended. The information in regard to Schemes was being considered, and that in regard to acquisition of properties was to be considered while that no regard to representations on the Board had been rejected by the trustees at their recent meeting.

The Hon. Mr. P. M. Mehta said he was perfectly in sympathy with the proposition, because it was at his own instance that the Corporation had resolved to ask Government to extend the time for the consideration of the schemes submitted to them for approval. He considered the question raised with regard to the powers of the Tribunal of Appeal was very important and should be considered at once. At present no appeal lay against the decision of the Tribunal, and before the Act could be amended many properties would be acquired. Therefore, it was absolutely necessary that they should approach Government at once to give jurisdiction to the High Court in all cases decided by the Tribunal of Appeal. He, however, did not agree with Mr. Vakil in binding down the Committee to the points raised in his motion. He (Mr. Mehta) thought the Committee should be left free to consider all points that came under their notice. He moved an amendment :—"That a Committee be appointed to consider in what particulars the City Improvement Trust Act requires amendment and to prepare and submit to the Corporation a memorial to the Government of Bombay requesting them to amend the Act in those particulars. That the Committee be requested to prepare and submit to the Corporation at once a special representation asking Government to amend the Act, making the Tribunal of Appeal a court and giving jurisdiction and appeal to the High Court over it."

Sir Bhalchundra Krishna in seconding the amendment said Government should be approached on the general grounds suggested by Mr. Mehta.

Mr. Hormusji Vakil having replied on the debate the proposition was put to the vote and lost. The amendment was carried by a large majority.

PURCHASE OF THE TRAMWAY.

The Corporation considered a letter from the Commissioner forwarding correspondence with Government, in which the latter had provisionally approved of the system proposed by the Brush Electrical Engineering Company for a supply of electrical energy in Bombay, and stating that a voltage of 230 was not considered too high by the expert advisers of Government.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, the letter was recorded, and it was resolved to forward a copy of the same to the Committee appointed to assist the Commissioner in all matters relating to the purchase of the Tramway.

The Corporation then adjourned to the 7th January.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co's steamer Oriental, Captain E. Spicer, which is expected here to-morrow, brings the following passengers :—

Jackson Major J
Mengens, Mr E C
Hughes 2 Misses
Gibbs Mr and Mrs
Martin Mrs M
Rainsford Major J A
Howell Mrs
Somerset Mrs and infr
Kaskor Miss F L
Munsin Miss D A
Powell Mrs T D
Co ton Miss
Clarke Rev E W
Yahiri Mr B L
Ball Mr H
Dring Rev and Mrs W
Jaco Mr S M
O'Connor Miss D
Baskett Mr R S
Kettle Mr A M
Hindman Mr G H
Ellis Mr Henry
Vincent Mr Chas
Smith Mr C Graham
Salmon Mr O E H
Percival Miss
Amesbury Mr R
Westropp Capt Mrs F M
Harcourt Capt J
Cutler Lieut H C
Murray Lt A G
Coulter Dr
Dic at Capt R
Madox Capt and Mrs and 2 children
Andam Major E M
Schindewelt Mr M
Beechey Mr P
Cicete Miss
Duncan Mrs A
Garth Mrs
Bailley Rev F G
Crofton Sir Morgan
Sandys Mr Geo
Rose Mr A
Rose Miss
Wallance Mr J C
Lee Rev and Mrs T
Hume Dr R F
Campbell Miss M
Fairbank Miss M
Brissell Miss A
Weshart Miss A E
Campbell Mr and Mrs P A
Rogers Capt L
Christ Mr Otto
Greenway Mr T C
Delvis Mr R H A
White Mr Graham
Rosling Mr A W
Nair Mr C M
Hoskyn Lt J E M
Gardiner Lt Dyce
Todd Mr A E
Todd Major and Mrs J K
Ormiston Mrs
Cruickshank Miss
Bracy Rev O H
Robertson Mr and Miss
Rodice Mr and Mrs
Forbes Mr C H B
Morwood Mr C P
Morwood Mr P (Dr)
Harrison Mr F
Gordon Mrs and fri e
Paris Major and Mrs
Weir Col and Miss

NOTES FROM PARIS.

THE VISIT OF THE M. P.'s.

SAVANTS AND THE MICROBE.

ALSACE-LORRAINE.

PARIS, NOVEMBER 27.

"THE English have effected a landing at Calais, they have advanced to Paris, and among the invaders there are eighty ladies and 'misses.' Cheers for the invaders, they have another mission than that of the hundred years' war." So writes one of the leading morning papers, its contemporaries generally expressing themselves in the like style of welcome and good spirits. We are a long away from Agincourt, one of them remarks in a long description, the bentering tone of which rather brings into relief the author's heart-appreciation of the Anglo-French "entente." Why, asks one of his confreres, did we not begin this kind of thing long ago, earlier than last July, when the French Parliamentary deputation set the example by visiting London? The Calais-Paris express, perhaps the fastest and, on the whole, the most comfortable in the world, reached the Gare du Nord at the time announced almost to the minute. The crowd of Parisians waiting to see the M.P.'s was less numerous than that which welcomed the commercial deputation from London a few weeks ago. The tricolour flags and the Union Jacks that adorned the carriages in which the commercial men were conveyed to the Hotel, Continental were absent. But this omission was compensated for by the presence of several automobile for the free use of the "invaders." Automobiles by the score are to be placed at the M.P.'s disposal during their stay, not only in Paris, but during the trip of ten days or so, upon which they start next Monday for Orleans, Bordeaux, Lyons, Nice and other chief towns. Automobiles, special trains, with sleeping compartments, dining saloons, reading, writing, and smoking rooms, choice dishes, and choice wines are to be at the service of these English apostles of the gospel of peace. If there were somewhat less show at the Gare du Nord on Wednesday night than on the earlier occasion the weather was principally accountable for the fact. For half an hour before the train came in M. d'Estournelles de Constant and a large number of Deputies, Senators, and leading representatives of the commercial classes of Paris were in waiting on the platform. Baron d'Estournelles de Constant is the President of the French Parliamentary group which has originated the movement for international arbitration.

There was waving of hats, there were cheers on the plateform and at the windows of the carriages when the train—having done its seventy miles an hour—steamed slowly into the station There were handshakings all round. "Handshake" is one of the English expressions that have come into vogue in the Paris papers. "Jolly good fellow" is another. "Miss" is a third; "How do you do" is a fourth. Doubtless they will become naturalised, like "aifteck" and "five o'clock tea." After the handshakings the "invaders" sauntered off to the reception at the end of the platform, where M. d'Estournelles de Constant was to give them his official welcome. Among the Deputies who surrounded him were MM. Pierre Baudin, Gaston Menier, Deloncle Dubief, Berthaut Beauquier Chauviere Chaudier Maunier and Dejeante. M. Dubief, a Radical Socialist member is the author of the new Parliamentary Report on the Colonies in which he preaches the doctrine of moral obligation towards the subject races of France. M. Dubief is dead against every form of exploitation of the "inferior" races for the benefit of the whites. The reception room at the railway station tastefully decorated with evergreens flowers and the French and English colours was much too small for the M. P.'s and their lady friends. M. d'Estournelles de Constant ready speaker though he is confined himself to a few words of welcome. M. d'Estournelles too like his fellow countrymen in the crowd outside complimented the M.P.'s on the charming idea of bringing members of their families with them. Sir William Houldsworth, President of the English Delegation replied, "The welcome, said he, which we received at Calais and which we now receive from you here is more than friendly and cordial. It gives us ground for belief that our visit to France will help forward the cause of international arbitration.

Since last August the scholars of the space, in Rome have come upon one of the most impressive relics of antiquity—the altar of Peace, consecrated by Augustus, and the Roman Senate and People, on the 4th of July, 13 B. C. The Ara Pacis, in the opinion of modern critics the masterpiece of the art of the Augustan Age symbolised the greatest fact of that age, and the humanest aspiration of its noblest spirits. For the first time in its history the known world was at peace and Rome then mistress of the world and weary of wars and conquests laid down her arms and indulged herself in a dream of universal lasting repose. Nowhere in the Roman world was there a battle-cry nor clash of swords when Augustus, the peacemaker returned from the Western provinces of the Empire to Rome in 13 B. C. What Augustus and his people thought of the world's future may be read in the sculptures which the excavators have discovered and which pictured the Emperor the members of his family, the Senate the religious dignitaries marching in procession to the foundation and consecration of the Altar to the Genius of Peace. A few years and the pathetic illusion was dispelled; and but for an interval of golden calm in the age of the Antonines, the world plunged again into wars that have lasted to our own day. Once again the world is grown weary of war and bloodshed. And the kings sitting upon a new occupation in an age which appeared to be outgrowing them are calling upon each other in their respective capitals to advocate peace bands of Parliamentary members preaching arbitration are also exchanging international visits and the nations with all their newspapers applaud. At this moment the newspapers of Paris are looking forward in the most hospitable friendly spirit to the arrival of the English Parliamentary deputation to-morrow night. Why not crown this series of interchanges of international courtesies and peace missions by an assemblage of international representatives at Rome, and at a second dedication of the Altar of Peace, Rome is in a sense still the world's capital as well as the most illustrious city in the world. The Paris newspapers describe President Loubet's forthcoming journey to Rome as the finish of the "cycle, of the international visits in which the two Kings and the President himself have been the most conspicuous figures. Why not rather complete the "cycle by a universal Congress of Peace assembled at Rome, say a year or two hence when these statesmen have done their work—with a rededication of the Ara Pacis for distinctive ceremony Sentimentalism somebody growls emotionalism. So are these exchanges of Royal and Parliamentarian visits with their speech makings and all the popular applause. Who not go a step further—arrange for a world's congress at Rome and at the restored Temple of Augustus give expression to the nations hope and belief that universal peace is not an impracticable dream?

It is surprising how the savants of Paris and those who record their achievements in the Press contrive to make the microbe interesting. A discourse on microcrobes by a Bronardel, or a Bouillon, or a Robin, or Emile Dubois, or "Docteur Toulouse" of the "Echo de Paris," is a captivating as any novel. The mighty hunters of big game—the Nimrods of the old world, the Gordon Cummings and the Selous's of the modern—have had an easy job of it in comparison with the hunters of the microbe. Think of the patience, the ingenuity, the expenditure of brain power needed in the pursuit of the microbe, from the moment when the hunter makes his first vague guesses as to the destructive monster's whereabouts to the ecstatic moment when, having collared his microscopic quarry, he puts him down upon the dissecting table and, with coat off and sleeves turned up, begins to cut him open. Nay, even then the hunter may discover that he has been taken in. The beast he is dissecting may not be the real prey he is in search of. It may be but a blind, as it were.

It may all the while be carrying the real culprit inside, not as the tiger carries the lamb, but as caretaker. Microbe within microbe, like a Chinese box. In which case the hunter, if he be shrewd enough to suspect the truth, will resume his chase:—searching for the real culprit in the internal organs of his microscopic first capture. So Major Ross, labouring like a Hercules amidst African swamps, ran his villainous microbe to earth. His work was harder than Hercules' in the Lernean swamp, or than the hero's fight with its Hydra, or the cleaning job in the stables. As a sanatarian officer in Paris, Hercules would have to drop his club and his muckrake, and join Dr. Brouardel in pursuit of the microbe.

The mutterings of the storm raised by M. Jaures, M. Hubbard, and M. de Pressense in the Chamber of Deputies a day or two ago have not yet subsided. The Nationalists—whom a Republican Deputy has defined for me, aptly enough, as the "Jingoes" of France—are furious. But the Nationalists' day is waning. Prominent critics who laugh at Nationalism are yet indignant with M. Jaures for his disarmament proposition to the Chamber; with M. Hubbard for having invited the Minister of Foreign Affairs to start negotiations with the Powers with a view to limiting expenditure upon armaments; and with M. de Pressense for having advised his countrymen no longer to "hypnotise themselves with the prospect of a 'revanche' which no one wishes for." Does the protest of vast majority in the Chamber against those three declaration represent the feeling of the masses of the French population? If you were to take the opinion of "the man in the street," you would say it does. "To go to war for Alsace-Lorraine," one hears ordinary Parisians, intelligent, educated, patriotic, say, "would be a crime." Thirty-three years have passed since the war. In another thirty years the old sore will be healed. How many years after Waterloo was it before we in this country got over our grudge with England? Of course, we Frenchmen felt the loss of the two provinces. But it was the fate of war, and the wisest plan will be to accept it. "But you would like to get them back again," might be suggested. Certainly we would; but not at the cost of war. If the world were a little wiser and a little more generous, why should not the future of Alsace-Lorraine be decided by the free choice of their population—by a plebiscite? If the Alsacians and the Lorrainers chose to remain German subjects we would accept the verdict as final. Unfortunately, it is too much to expect a referendum of this kind from the present Emperor and the Prussian Government. We Frenchmen always draw a distinction between Germans and Prussians. There might be some chance of a reconsideration of the Alsace-Lorraine question if we had to do with 'Les Allemands,' of the South. The Teutons of the North, the Prussians, are a different kind of people.

GOLF.

THE ST. ANDREW'S GOLD MEDAL.

The competition for the St. Andrew's gold medal took place on Wednesday and Thursday by medal play, and there was the usual handicap attached. Mr. Osborne Marshall won the medal with a score of 86 for the 18 holes, while Mr. C. R. C. Sandys won the handicap with 95—10ll 85.

Twenty-five players entered for the event, and the following were the scores :—

ST. ANDREW'S GOLD MEDAL.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Total.
Mr Osborne Marshall...	44	42	86 winner.
Mr C M Gray	45	46	91
Mr R Aitken	46	45	91
Mr C H C Sandys	50	45	95
Mr E E Coombs	50	48	98
Mr H C Cargill	49	49	98

The others returned scores of over 98 or returned no scores at all.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross Total	Handicap.	Net Total.
Mr C R C Sandys	50	45	95	–10	85 winner.
Mr H C Cargill.....	49	49	98	–12	86
Mr J Reed.....	47	53	100	–14	86
Mr Osborne Marshall..	44	42	86	–4	90
Mr E E Coombs	50	48	98	–8	90
Mr C M Gray.....	45	46	91	SC	91
Mr M W Fleischer.....	51	54	105	–12	91
Mr R Aitken	46	46	92	SC	92
Mr R H M Steven.....	59	52	102	–10	92
Rev J Cameron	56	50	106	–14	92
Mr B Holyoak.....	51	60	110	–16	94
Mr W L Shaw.....	57	55	112	–18	94
Mr P W Cresswell.....	53	56	109	–10	99
Mr D Revie	55	59	115	–18	97
Mr C Thomson.....	55	57	112	–14	98

The others returned no scores.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, COLABA.

A NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

In connection with the various embellishments that have recently been carried out for the improvement of St. John's (Afghan Memorial) Church Colaba, Bombay, and which in the main have owed their inception to the interest taken in that building by the Rev. H. T. H. Rountree, one of the most recent is found in the arrival of a peal of eight bells. This has been presented by Sir Charles Cayzer, M.P., a former resident of Colaba, and were manufactured by Messrs. John Taylor and Company of Loughborough, England. The tenor, which is the largest bell, weighs 14 cwt. 22 lbs., the weight of the whole peal aggregating 59 cwt. In connection with the bells the manufacturers have supplied an ingenious apparatus by which in the absence of a trained staff of ringers the peal can be chimed by one man. The larger bell bears the following inscription "To the Glory of God. This peal of eight bells was presented to this Church by Sir Charles Cayzer, M.P., a former resident of Colaba, now of Gartmore, Perthshire, Scotland during the episcopate of the Right Rev. James MacArthur, D. D., and the incumbency of the Rev. H. T. H. Rountree, Chaplain. Easter, 1903. —Thus evermore shall rise to Thee, glad hymns of praise from land and sea." The other seven bells bear suitable inscriptions. The Rev. Mr Nelson, the present incumbent of St. John's on the bells arriving in Bombay, lost no time in communicating with the Public Works Department, and as the cost of hanging the peal is to be borne by the donor there should be no delay in this direction; while it is to be hoped that the charge levied for Customs duty on the peal will not be enforced, seeing that the bells are intended for a church which is a memorial to officers and men of the army killed in action. The existing bell in the belfry, which weighs 20 cwt. will probably be retained, as about a year ago it was most successfully recast at the P. and O. workshops after having been badly damaged. It may also be mentioned that the work of completing the ornamental screen in front of the choir will soon be completed, and then little else will remain but for Government to provide the nucleus for an organ for the church, where the musical portion of the services are at present somewhat detracted from owing to a small harmonium being used.

THRIFT AMONG THE HINDUS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE 'BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR —The list of subjects proposed to be discussed at the approaching National Social Conference does not contain the most important one connected with the encouragement of habits of thrift among the agricultural and other classes in India. This omission is very regrettable and I draw the attention of the leaders of the conference to it. It is urged that the Hindu is accustomed to live very frugally, and that the charge laid against him of improvident habits is not true. This is undoubtedly corrected so far as expenses connected with the ordinary daily life are concerned. But the expenses incurred on occasions of marriages, death, feasts and some other ceremonies are decidedly extravagant and far in excess of the means of the people involved. It is against these latter kind of expenses that the charge is mainly directed. This view of the case is now being gradually admitted by thoughtful persons. But persistent efforts on the part of the leaders of the community are required with a view to impress the people with the necessity of proportioning the expenditure concerned to the means of the spender.—Yours, etc.

MODERATION.

SOFT, FAIR DELICATE SKIN ensured to those who use ROWLAND'S KALYDOR, the most cooling, soothing healing, and curative preparation ever made. It coures and heals cutaneous eruptions, prickly heat, burns, stings of insects; removes freckles, tan, sunburn, redness and roughness, and imparts a matchless beauty to the complexion. Avoid imitations, and ask stores and chemists for ROWLAND'S KALYDOR.

THE ART OF DOUBLING CURRENCY NOTES.

At the Mazagon Police Court yesterday before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Inspector Bartley charged Abdul Rahiman and Sawan Dawanji, both Mohamedans, with cheating one Hussein Haji Ali, a Mogal, in respect of a currency note for Rs. 100. The evidence showed that the complainant kept a tea shop at Grant Road which the first accused used to visit frequently. About a fortnight ago the first accused told the complainant that his master had a number of currency notes, but he was afraid to cash them. The accused further informed him that he was ready to give him a high discount if he could manage to cash for him some of those notes. The complainant agreed to do so. A few days after the accused again visited the shop-keeper, but with a different story. He told the complainant that his master knew the art of doubling currency notes and asked him to bring a note for Rs. 500 which his master would double for him. The complainant replied that he would consider over the matter and the accused left. Shortly afterwards the complainant informed the police of what had happened. The police advised the complainant to go with the accused with a note for Rs. 100 only. He agreed to do so and took one note for that amount to Inspector Bartley who initialled it and returned it to the complainant. On Tuesday last the latter went to the first accused who took him to a room occupied by the second accused in Jairajbhoy Lane, Kamatipoora. In this room there were two other persons a man and his wife, who were, on the arrival of the complainant turned out of the place by the second accused. The complainant then gave the note to the second accused and the process for doubling it commenced. The second accused put a sensitized paper on a piece of glass and on it the note. He then wrapped up the whole thing in a brown paper and gave the packet to the first accused to warm it over a sigree, which was burning in the room. While this process was going on the second accused diverted the complainant's attention to some other subjects, in order to enable the first accused to pass off the packet containing the note to a woman named Jaima, who was seated outside the room. The woman immediately left with the packet which had been previously kept in readiness and which contained burnt pieces of paper. After a while, the second accused felt the packet and exclaimed it had been over heated. He opened the packet, when the complainant to his surprise, found it contained burnt pieces of paper. The complainant then gave a signal to the police, who came on the scene and arrested all the accused. The note was, however, not recovered. The Magistrate sentenced each of the accused to one year's rigorous imprisonment.

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 18.

Before the Hon'ble The CHIEF JUSTICE and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice BATTY.

Appeal for hearing and final disposal.

1255-611-02—Little and Co—The Hon'ble the Advocate General vs Thomas J Strangman and others—Little and Co and Manaukhlal J and H and Smetham B and N and K D Shroff.

1253—E F Nicholson—Ross A Leslie Moore vs Haji Esmail Haj. o Mahomed—Biokmali M and M.

1255—Thakurdas and Co—Keesowjee Dass and others vs N C Macleod—Crawford B and Co.

1263-750-01—Crawford B and Co—Hurgovandas Jugjiwandas and others vs Anpurnabai widow and others—R P Mehta.

1255-313-02—Kunderao S and L—Hajee Esmail Hajee Issack vs Hoosinbhai Ahmedbhai and others—Framjee and D and M B Chothia.

127-576-010—Walia G and Co—Chhiblas Lullobhai vs Dayal Mawjee and others—Kanga and P and Tyabjee D and Co.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice TYABJEE.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

441.03—Jamsetjee and R—Abdeol Cader bin vs Shabeodin vs Tajoodin bin Shaboodin—Captain and V—and A H D and Co—Part heard.

461.03—Mulla and M—Manuel Texeira vs Diego Manuel de Souza and others—Khunderao S and L—and M and M.

202.03—Crawford B and Co—Jehangir Rustomjee Divecha and another vs Jeejeebhoy Ardesir Divecha—Sorabji and J.

270.01—Ardeshir H D and Co—Harichund Scondelral vs Goswami Shri Govardhanlaljee Maharaj

241.02—In person—Purshotum Narron vs Motibai widow and others.

215.01—Edgelow G and W—Runchordas Vandrawandas and others vs The Malabar S and W Co—Bhaishunker K and G.

330.02—Thakurdas and Co—Currimbhoy Ibrahim and others vs Ahmed Alli Moosabhoy and others—Scratice and J.

637.01—Captain and V—Aminabibi widow vs Masoonbibi widow.

269.03—Mulla and M—Bhowanjee Thakersi and others vs Jetha Kangi—Kanga and P.

131.30—Thakurdas and Co—Fazalbhoy Visram and others vs Jambai and others—Little and Co.

121.03—Little and Co—Ibrahimbhai Mahomedbhai Mahomedbhai Rowjee vs Massambhai Visram and others—Thakurdas and Co.

212.03—Shamrao and M—Belandrai Dhuramdas vs Mamraj Rambhingat—Molvi H and M.

167.03—Captain and V—Lookhanbai widow and another vs Syed Zymal Abideen bin Syed Hisamoodin Re'si and others—Chitnis and M.

140.03—Captain and V—Devi Golam Jewalprasad vs Tulsidas Nitram M R Vakil,

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice CHANDAVARKAR.

For Judgments at 11 a. m.

1251-775-00—In person Johsngir Maneckjee Cursetjee vs The Secretary of State for India in Council J C G Bowen.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice RUSSELL.

Petition for hearing,

In the matter of the Indian Companies Act VI of 1882—and in the matter of Birtie Smith and Co Ld Smetham B and N—Gustav Herman Ermer—Petitioner.

To Speak to the Minutes of the Decree.

150.03—Payne and Co—Savjee Dana vs Mcoljee Narron and others—D D Romer Mirza and M and Payne and Co.

541-02—Crawford B and Co—Bai Bibibai widow and another vs Bai Aishabai widow and others—Captain and V Little and Co.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

290.01—J C G Bowen—The Secretary of State for India vs The Municipal Commissioner of Bombay—Crawford B and Co—Part heard.

296.02—Edgelow and W—Rangildas Mancoklal vs Lukhmidas Runchordas and another—Mirza and M and B K and G K D Shroff—For hearing the exceptions to the Commissioner's report.

499.02—Captain and V—Damodhur Balkrishnajee Pitale vs Maneckbai widow and others—Craigie L and O. A D H and Co and D and F

29.03 and 753.02—Smetham B and N—Benjamin S A Pereira vs Antone S Pereira—Edgelow G and W.

758.02—Payne and Co—Hajee Joonas Fazal Mahomed and others vs Rao Bahadur Gunputrao Narayen and another.

714.01—Mantri H and N—Ramchandra Rowjee vs Lakhmidas Nagardas—Mulla and M.

650.02—Jamsetjee and R—Hirjee Bhojrajee and another vs Pandurang Vishna—In person.

552.01—Captain and V—Ahmedkhan Mahomedally Penker vs Abdoola bin Abdool Sahib Coor and others—Payne and Co and D D Romer.

712.02—Khunderao and S—Gangaram Bapujee vs The Municipal Commissioner and another—Crawford B and Co, and B B and N.

119.03—R B Mehta—Cowasha Byramjee Mehta vs Homi N A—Wadia and others—Edgelow G and W.

446.03—Malvi H and M—Bansidhar Rambhiae vs Seskaram Samiremal and others—Smetham B and N.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice CROWE.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes

100-4490—104-1631—105-1632-01—Ardeshir H D and Co—Dharmanmal Chimandas and another vs Chandrabhandas Chotharam and others.

44.03—D D Romer—Martha and another vs Domingos de Souza and others—Daphtary and F—D D Romer—and D D and S.

871.01—Edgelow G and W—Mahomed alli Khan vs Mirza Mahomed bin Hajee Abdul Hoosein—Craigie L and O.

516.02—Little and Co—Vantordas Dharsee and others vs Thomas Joseph strangman—Matubhai J and M.

537.01—Daphtary and F—Haridas Naranjee vs Purshotum Naranjee—Thakurdas and Co.

585.01—Thakurdas and Co—Purshotam Naranjee vs Gokuldas Naronjee and others—Daphtary and F.

211.02—Edgelow G and W—Mahomed Ally Khan bin Hajee Mahomed Nukir Khan vs Mirza Mahomed Hajee Abdul Sheraga—Craigie L and O.

737.01—Dikshit D and S—Morarjee Cullianjee vs Vizbhookundas Jadusha—Chitnis M and M.

846.01—Dikshit D and S—Morarjee Cullianjee vs Vizbhookundas Jadusha—Chitnis M and M.

905.01—Dikshit D and S—Bai Maivabai Rajapurkurin vs Vishwanath Gopal abd others—Daphtary and F

242.02—Madhowjee V—Shamcarebai widow vs Bai Velli widow and others—Madhowjee V and B M and M.

125.03—M B Chotia—Mancekjee Bomonjee and others vs Atmaram Anandrao Chinto—Shamrao and M

583.01—Tyabjee D and Co—Sukhanand Gurmukhrai and others vs Nagurmull Jatcmull and others—J Scrabjee and F.

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

THE L. M. AND S. EXAMINATION.

The result of the L. M. and S. Examination of the Bombay University were announced yesterday. The Charles Morehead prize has been awarded to Jamshed Byramji Mama; the Balkrishna Sadanjee prize to Mehrehemji Ardasir Munchersha; the Queen Empress silver medal, and the scholarship of the Medical Women for India Fund of 1883, and the Bai Hirabai P. H. Cama gold medal to Sherin H. Commissariat; and the J. C. Lisbon gold medal to Barjorji Perorzsha Banaji. The following candidates have passed ;—

FIRST CLASS.

Banaji, B Pirozsha	Kelkar, V Hari

SECOND CLASS.

Advani, P Hukoomatrai	Kamat, D Dharmaji
Bapalsta, Lewis	Kanga, K Kavasji
Bharucha, N Hormusji	Kanuga, R Narsinhlal
Bharucha, P Cooverji	Keerawalla, M Pirozshaw
Cassels, T William	Kothare, N Vinayak
Chitre, G Damodar	Lentin, P Ratanji
Commissariat, Shirin H	Madgaokar, V Dinanath
Dabak, V Ganesh	Mahankar, P Bhagvandas
Dadibarjor, P Rustomji	Mandhle, D Babaji
Daphlapurkar, G Balvant	Mankar, C Rupshankar
DeLima, Vitinho	Meher-Homjee, A
Dessai, K Jekisondas	Manchersha
Dessai, N Laxmiram	Meher-Homjee, S
Desai, W Sadgun	Jamshedji
Dharadhar, S Balkrishna	Mhatre, S Wamanrao
Doctor, C Vithaldas	Multan-Feroze, D
Dutt, Ashutosh	Fardunji
Engineer, Sorab K S	Munshi, G Waman
Fernandes, C Francis	Padbidri, R Venkatrao
Foy, H Andrew	Pais, Willebald F
Gidh, Y Damodar	Patell, D Rustomji C
Gore, R Narayan	Pesikaka, B Hormusjee
Jilla, A Dadabhoy	Shaik, A Shaikh Husen
Juda h, David	Thakkar, K Vithaldas
Kad ri, J Kamruddin	

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint the Honble Mr Ibrahim Rahimtoola to be Sheriff of Bombay for the ensuing year, to be computed from the 20th Dec in succession to Mr. Leslie Crawford.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr Dulerai G Mehta, Third Grade Depy Assist Political Agent, Rewa Kantha, is granted a further extension of furlough for three months in continuation of the leave granted to him in this Dept Notification No. 6723, dated the 7th September 1903.

Mr A F H Comber, Police Officer in charge of H H the ex-King Thebaw, is allowed an extension for ten days of the privilege leave for one month granted to him in this Dept Notification No. 8249, dated the 1st December.

Mr. Bomanji Hormasji Wadia, lately a Clerk in the Political Dept of the Secretariat, has been dismissed from the service of Government for divulging official information.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr. H. C. Mules to act as Commr in Sind during the absence of Mr. A. Cumine, I. C. S. on privilege leave, or pending further orders.

Mr. A. Comine, I. C. S., Commissioner in Sind, is granted privilege leave for one month from the 11th December or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Captain J K Cunliffe Assist Political Agent Fourth grade has been permitted by His Majesty's Secretary of State to India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Major D J O Taylor to be Assistant Cantonment Magistrate Poona and Kirkee and Secretary to the Cantonment Committee Kirkee.

Major Taylor is also appointed under Section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be a Magistrate of the First Class in the Poona District and is invested with the following additional powers being some of the powers specified in the fourth schedule to the said Code :—Power to require security for good behaviour (Section 118). Power to make orders as to local nuisances (Section 133). Power to issue process for person within local jurisdiction who has committed an offence outside the local jurisdiction (Section 188) Power to take cognizance of offences upon complaint upon police reports and without complaint (Section 190 (1) a, b and c). Power to try summarily (Section 260). Power to sell property alleged or suspected to have been stolen etc (Section 524 (1)). Major Taylor will exercise the powers with which he is hereby invested within the limits of the Cantonments of Poona and Kirkee and the villages of Wanowdi and Ghorpuri.

Major Taylor is further appointed under Section 22 of the Code to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the administration of the Govt of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay.

H E in Council is also pleased under Section 8 (2) of the Reformatory Schools Act 1897 to specially empower Major Taylor to exercise the powers contemplated in Section 8 (1) of the Act,

In continuation of Govt Notification No 1630, dated the 9th May 1899, extending the operation of Act XIII of 18 9 to the district of Poona, H E in Council is further pleased, under Section 5 of the Act, to appoint Major Taylor to exercise the powers vested by the Act in a Magistrate of Police.

The leave without allowance for one month granted to Mr Jivanlal Mohanlal Saukla, second class Subordinate Judge, Karmala and Madha, by Govt Notification No 8491, dated the 19th Nov is commuted into privilege leave on half pay for one month.

The Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr A G Critchell to act as City Magistrate, Karachi during the absence on privilege leave of Mr A E Cumming, pending further orders.

Mr Critchell is also appointed, under Section 22 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the administration of the Govt of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay.

Mr J T Musgrave an third grade Assist Supdt of Police Poona resigned the service of Govt with effect from the 10th Nov in the afternoon.

With reference to Govt Notification Revenue Dept No 8332 dated the 25th Nov Captain T Jackson M B B S I M S Supdt of Matheran in the district of Kolaba is appointed under Section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district and is invested with the following additional powers specified in the fourth schedule to the said Code :—Power to make orders prohibiting repetition of nuisances (Section 143) Power to make orders under Section 144 Power to hold inquests (section 174) Power to take cognizance of offences upon complaint and upon Police Reports (Section 190 (1) (a and b).

Captain Jackson is also invested with juridiction to try cases arising under Section 6 of the Bombay District Police Act IV of 1890.

Mr Jehangir Edalji Modi First Class, Third Grade Subordinate Judge and Acting Judge of the Courts of Small Causes Surat and Broach is granted privilege leave for three months on half pay from the date or his relief.

The Governor in Council is pleased to direct that Mr. Nanaji Vithal Atre will continue to act as First Class Third Grade, Subordinate Judge and Acting Judge of the First Class Subordinate Judge Abana during the absence on leave of Mr Jehangir Edalji Modi or pending further orders.

Under the provisions of Section 18 of Act II of 1864 (The Aden Courts Act), the Governor in Council is pleased to invest Captain E. O'Brian, Assist Political Resident, Aden, with all the powers, excepting the power under Section 407, conferred on a Magistrate of the First Class under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, for Aden and its dependencies wherein the said Code is in force.

Under the provisions of Section 22 of the said Code, H E in Council is further pleased to appoint Captain O'Brien to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the Gov of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay.

The Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments :—Mr. Madhavlal Javerilal Yanik, Second Class Subordinate Judge, Olpad, to Second Class Subordinate Judge, Godhra, vice Mr. Karsandas Jesingbhai Desai proceeding on leave, Mr. Karsandas Jesingbhai Desai, Second Class Subordinate Judge, on return to duty, to be Second Class Subordinate Judge, Olpad. Mr. Jeshtaram Nanabhai Bhat to act as Second Class, Fourth Grade, Subordinate Judge, and to do duty as Second Class Subordinate Judge, Olpad, pending relief by Mr. Desai or further orders.

In supe session of Govt Notification No. 6181, dated the 2nd December 190, the Gov in Council is pleased to appoint Mr. B. C. H. Calcy it Kennedy, I. C. S., on relief, to act as Judge and Sessions Judge, Thana, vice Mr. R. S. Tipnis proceeding on leave, pending further orders.

The Gov in Council is pleased to make the following appointments :—Sir Edmund C. Cox Bart., on return to duty to be District Supdt of Police Hyderabad, Mr. K. A. Rehoidi, on relief, to act as District Supdt of Police, Thana, pending further orders, Mr E. Priestley, on relife, to be Assistant Supdt of Police Thana.

H Ex the Gevr in Council is pleased to place Mr Joseph Bocarro, Assist Secy to Govt Judicial and Legislative Dep on special duty for a period of six months from the 4th January 1904 for the purpose of examining the prop sals submitted by the District Judges for the revision of establishments of the District and Subordinate Courts.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths, from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	1	7
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri		1	13
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	0	2	13
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	0	0	7
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla, and 1st Nagpada	2	1	16
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	0	7
G Mahim and Worli	1	1	5
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	20	0	4
Total	5	6	82
Total plague deaths to date	283,313	215,830	
Same date last year	17	13	107

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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

According to "Motoring" there is already a great desire on the part of motorists to secure the first registration numbers. Everybody, it appears, wants to be one, two, or three. This is somewhat surprising for cars with small numbers will be most easily detected when on scorching trips. The motorist who loves to exceed the legal speed limit will accumulate as many numerals on his "label" as possible, so that he from whom the car runs may not read. On the other hand, the more numerals you have the larger the plate. It is said that the French plates will be imitated for size and shape, and that there will be no discrimination between petrol and motor vehicles.

"Diplomacy, Lester," said the henpecked man replying to the inquiry of his small son, during, it may not be necessary to explain, the temporary absence of the majestic wife of the one and mother of the other, "diplomacy is what makes a man carve a turkey and unselfishly deal out to his family and the visitors their favourite helps, including the only portions which he himself really likes, and at the same time look like a putty saint,—" Smart Set."

Quite a number of people well known in the "smart set" are publishing books this winter (says "Black and White"). One of these is Mr. Charles Hardinge, who has just brought out an account of the King's late tour of Continental capitals. Mr. Hardinge, who is still a young man, belongs to a family high in favour at Court. His wife was one of Lord Alington's daughter, and an intimate friend of the Duchess of Fife and Princess Charles of Denmark. Then the Duchess of Sutherland is said to be working at a play, and Lady Sarah Wilson—who is, of course, one of the many clever aunts of the Duke of Roxburghe and the Duke of Marlborough—is shortly publishing an account of a very adventurous journey taken by her through Rhodesia. Lord Balcarres is making his way as a most erudite critic and it is whispered that Mr. George Wyndham, not content with having won laurels in other literary fields, is working hard at a novel. It is rather a curious fact, however, that no member of the "smart set" has yet produced a real literary success, if "The Visits of Elizabeth" be excepted.

The Queen of Italy shows her affection for her children and deep regard for their constant welfare in the explicit orders she gives that when from home, no matter in what part of the world, three telegrams must be despatched, at regular intervals daily, giving precise details as to the health and movements of the two little people at home.

A new preparation (says 'Commercial Intelligence') had made an appearance in Ceylon. It is described as "a pure soluble tea possessing all the best properties of tea, with a minimum amount of tannin." A 1-oz. bottle holds enough of the tea powder to make fifty cups. Already a supply has been sent for use in Somaliland; it is likely to make its way into Egypt; and it has met with Lord Kitchener's appreciation. If the Company owning the article are not greatly over-rating its value, it should find a large market in England.

The candle-nut, which is so far unfamiliar to England, is a native of the Pacific Islands, and the name is derived from the fact that the kernels are so full of oil that when dried they are stuck on reeds and used as candles. The people of Hawaii, after having roasted these nuts and removed the shells, reduce the kernels to a paste, which is flavoured with pepper and salt, and is said to be a most appetising dish. The husk of the nut and the gum which exudes from the tree have medicinal values, while the burned shell of the kukui is used to make an indelible ink with which tattooing is done.

Mr. Denis O'Sullivan the other night, at the Gaelic League's concert, hit upon a new way of declining an encore. He had sung six songs, and yet the irrepressible audience called for more. Five times he reappeared and bowed, but in vain. Once more he came, but this time armed for the fray. This time the popular singer held in his extended hand a watch, which, having first deliberately studied himself, he carried to his audience, shook his head, and sufficingly retired amid hearty laughter and applause.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton writes as follows in the December number of the Young Man" :—This is, I think, the great danger of the young men of our age. No of being exhuberant, for that the young always were; not of seeking excitement, for that the young always sought; not of taking liberties, for that the young always did but of taking these things with a more preposterous finality than they were ever taken before. They are in danger, I think, of taking exuberance as if it were a definite revelation. They are in danger of seeking excitement as if it were a heaven that endured. They are in danger of possessing liberty. But the truth is that there are some things that are useless unless they are taken seriously, and some things that are useless unless they are taken carelessly. The modern aesthete has inverted them. He makes of duty and faith an amusing trifle. And even at the same moment he makes of beauty and frivolity a depressing routine."

In the current "T.A.T." is an interesting article on the suggestiveness of street nomenclature. Such a name as 'Pump Pail," a thoroughfare in Croydon, is curious in itself, but becomes more so when we learn that some time back there dwelt in it a highly respectable burgher known as Peter Potts. From Pepper-street, Southwark, there branches off Mustard-court, and here at one time lived a certain Mr. Salt. In Leicester is a street called "Holy Bones," and in Hull perhaps the most peculiar of all "The Land of Green Ginger," chiefly composed of hotels and business officers. Several theories exist as to the reason for the adoption of this name, one of which is the partiality which Henry VIII. who once resided there for a short time, had for "green ginger cured with lemon-juice" as a breakfast relish. It is likewise true that, about the same period, ginger was exclusively grown in the palace gardens.

Dr. T. J. Macnamara, who was (says "T.A.T.") some time president of the National Union of Teachers, tells a story of a boy at a South London Board school prize giving who "scored" off him. Dr. Macnamara made a short speech, in the course of which he expressed his hope that the lads would behave themselves during coming year, and not get into mischief, whereupon one bright youth, who may have thought that the doctor was wishing them the compliments of the season, called out: "The same to you, sir," and raised a laugh which was heartily joined in by Dr. Macnamara.

An earthquake in the Alps probably accompanied by vast land-slips, must have been peculiarly terrifying even to mountaineers of strong nerves. Such a disturbance occurred throughout Switzerland in April, 802 A.D., and it was followed by a "fearful pestilence" according to the "Diarum Historicum" of Bertrand. In 842 A.D. we are told by Dom Bouque that a severe "tussis," from which many died, followed an earthquake which shook almost all northern Gaul. England became an earthquake centre in the eleventh century, when a sensible mortality among man and beast succeeded violent shocks in Worcester, Derby, and the West.

Do earthquakes set microbes in motion or do they only affect the nerves is a question which has been raised recently. From early times pestilence has been regarded as one of the accompaniments of earthquakes. Nor is this perhaps a mere figment of superstition. Many instances of epidemics following upon earthquakes are on record (says the "Lancet"). Thus, in 557-60 A.D., earthquake years, Constantinople was visited by a pestilence and in 615 A.D., after more than a decade of seismic disturbances which extended from Japan to the Mediterranean, the whole of Italy was visited, according to Sigonius, by a fearful epidemic of which the nature is not recorded. Old writers, such as von Plenciz, an authority on the Lisbon earthquake of 1755, were wont to attribute the proneness to disease exhibited by hole populations during earthquake seasons to shake nerves begotten of prolonged suspense and broken rest at night.

A delightful mixed metaphor appears in a temperance newspaper. This journal announces that the winter "campaign is already being launched in a blaze of enthusiasm." One hopes that when it strikes the water the blaze will not be extinguished.

The frequent complaints as to the lack of interest in the better kind of literature shown by the great mass of English-speaking people find an echo in Brussels, where, however, we are told not only people do not read the best literature, but the vast majority never read anything at all. Interest in the arts is, it appears, confined almost exclusively to music, painting, and their allies. Of old book shops there are scarcely any; of modern booksellers scarcely more than in the average small university town. Most neglected of all are said to be the Belgian authors themselves, of whom not one, according to the pessimist, from Verhaeren to Maeterlinck, from Demolder to Eckhoud, has ever succeeded in penetrating to any extent into the homes of Brussels. The one possible exception to this is Courouble, who, as the delineator of the Brussels middle classes, is looked upon with slightly warmer interest. This state of affairs may partly be attributed to the fact that two languages—French and Flemish—are spoken, neither of them being familiar to the devotees of its rival.

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Seale Haine's death has come both as a surprise and shock to his numberless friends—he had no enemies. He had a curious history. For many years—indeed, up to something like middle age—he was a comparatively poor man, and then two fortunes came to him all at once, and from that time forward he was wealthy beyond any of his dreams. He was a great walker in his day. I met him a few years ago toiling up a big Swiss mountain, and a youngster might have envied him his staying powers. He entertained largely, was a universal favourite, and ruled Devonshire Liberals.

The dread scourge of cancer has claimed yet another victim in Mr. John Penn, who was member for Lewisham for the last dozen years, and had been head of the great shipbuilding and engineering firm of John Penn and Sons (afterwards absorbed in the Thames Ironworks Company) since a date some years previous to the death of his famous father. When I last saw him in the House of Commons just before he was stricken down, no one would have dreamt that he was harbouring the seeds of the malady which, in twelve months or so, has worn away a valuable and laborious life. Both in physique and in constitution he seemed the picture of health and strength. Peace to his ashes!

His career as a business man was a distinguished one. But it is of his father, also named John Penn, that the best stories are told. When John Penn 'pere' was still a young man, he had a famous interview with the Duke of Wellington. It happened thus (says a well-informed writer in the "Daily Telegraph)" Mr. Jacob Perkins had invented a steam gun; John Penn built the first gun for service to the order of the French Government. It had been shown on waste ground in Westminster to a number of military men, and one day the Iron Duke himself came to see it. On his judgment the patronage of the War Office depended. Everything seemed to go off merrily. The weapon was splendidly finished, of course, and by its steam power it shot off its 3in. bullets with amazing rapidity. It was a premature Maxim or pom-pom. Nothing like that hail of missiles had ever been seen—some of them actually went through an iron plate 100 yards off, a great thing in those days. Now, young man, said the Duke, turning to Penn, what is the weight of your boiler? About five tons, replied the engineer. The Duke shook his head. Ah! said he, if we had been fighting with steam guns till now, what a grand thing we should have thought the invention of gunpowder! Penn hastened to Perkins with the news, remarking "It's all up with us now." It was all up with the steam gun, for the Duke made an unfavourable report. But not with the engineer; he was on the threshold of a career that had no failure. The Duke himself thought poorly of the weapon solely on account of its weight but he was impressed with the abilities of its maker, of whom afterwards he spoke in admiration. The steam gun went to France, but the Revolution, of 1830 swept away Charles X., and his gun found its way back to England, and was for some time exhibited at the Adelaide Gallery.

In the death of Mr. Hugh Stowell Scott, better known as Mr. H. Seton Merriman, there passes away one of the brighter lights of latter-day English literature. Tall, thin, and lithe, he had the build of athlete. His kindly dark eyes were sad, yet with a glint of humour. His firm, strong mouth was suggestive of his curious reserve. His talk, like his books, was short and rather epigrammatic. Mr. Scott was at one time an underwriter at Lloyd's. As his father had a strong objection to novel writing, he was forbidden to waste his time on fiction. So he adopted the pseudonym of Merriman, which he kept secret until after the death of his father. Mr. Merriman's last book was Barlasch of the Guard, only published this summer. Like others of his books, it deals with Russia. Mr. Merriman had a very pretty place at Melton, where he died. He had a nervous horror of modern faminism and feminity and intensely disliked the whole Women's Rights movement.

Thus most irreverently and unkindly has the Parisian named the Senate. Nevertheless (writes a Paris correspondent) there is some justification for the joke—for many of the Senators are superannuated, and most of them are dull and dreary orators and the atmosphere is oppressive, and so heads begin to nod and eyes begin to close, and consequence of it all is—sleep. In the Presidential tribune the stately dignified M. Falliéres quietly watches the sleepers. Now and then, a snore—but no one utters a rebuke. Scarcely anyone in the tribunes for journalists and visitors, and in the corridors you often come across the men in livery seated in a corner, also dozing. No one longs to attend the ordinary seances at the Senate. Such an experience would be deemed a horrid punishment and I have heard many a Parisian declare that the mere silhouette of the Senate depresses him. By the way the soldiers on guard outside the palace strike one as limp, and bored and drowsy.

Comes now and then, however, a great day in the Senate; a day when some important measure already feverishly discussed in the Palais Bourbon, reaches at last the Palais du Sommeil. A different spectacle! For the last few days in fact the Senate has been crowded and animated—and no head nodded and no one slept. The occasion was a great debate on the certificated education question, and the chief orators were M. M. Clemenceau and Waldeck-Rousseau. For once the journalistic tribune was filled, while ladies in elegant dresses occupied that allotted to the visitors. And deputies, and officers, and ambassadors, and all manner of distinguished personages were also present. M. Waldeck-Rousseau, late Premier and most probably the next President of the Republic, is, as you know the first lawyer in France; while M. George Clemenceau is renowned as a keen politician, a brilliant writer and ortator, and particularly as a wrecker of Cabinets. He has ever refused to take office himself but no less than thirty Ministries owe their fall to the relentless attacks of M. Clememceau. So Parisians were anxious to hear these distinguished men speak. Both were tremendously successful. It would surpise as Englishman, by the way, to visit the French Chamber. After the decorum of the House of Commons, it is a novelty to hear journalists crying "Speak up" and the visitors applauding and uttering loud comments both in the Senate and in the Palais Bourbon.

Mr. Dan Leno, whose condition has been steadily improving since his last relapse some two or three months ago has been visiting the Zoological Gardens at Regent's Park on business. The fact is that, although he might not feel strong enough this year to stand the strain of two long performances a day in pantomime, there is every chance of his being able to accept a music-hall engagement, and the comedian has been calling at the Zoo to look up character. Dan Leno has appeared on the stage as nearly everything under the sun but a keeper at the Zoo. He has been a shopwalker, a fireman, a policemen, a postman, a provision-dealer a hunts, man, a North Pole explorer (with a fur umbrella) a railway guard; a female harpist, and hundreds of other necessary ladies and gentlemen. But he has not yet been a keeper at the Zoo. It would be too previous to say whether or not Dan Leno has settled upon the elephant-house attendant as the object of special attention. But it is interesting to note that he has made a deep study of the manners and customs of what may be called the saddle-elephant, and that on the occasion of his last visit to the Garden he kept a keen eye upon the man who walks gravely at the side of the ponderous animal trunk along the broad walk which has very sarcastically been christened the Race Course. All will hope most sincerely that the King's Jester will soon be able to make use of the new material he has been seeking for among the artistes and staff of the Zoological Gardens.

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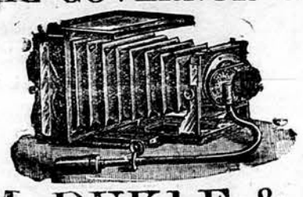

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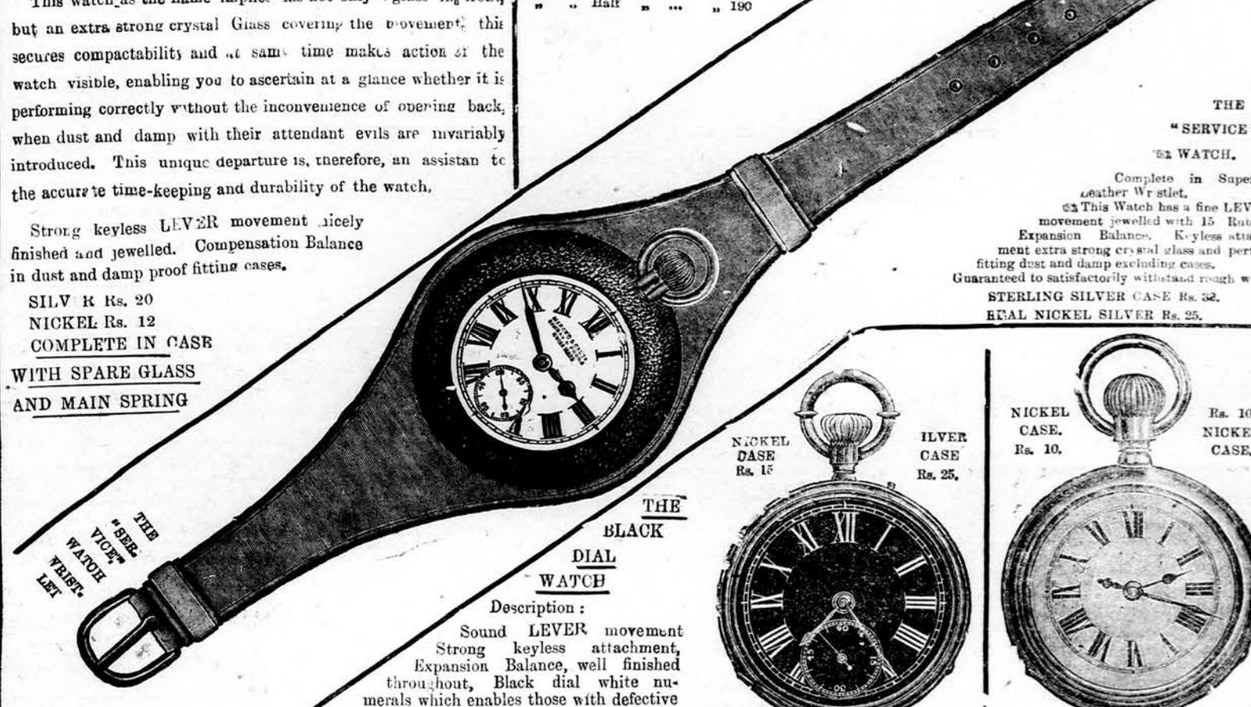

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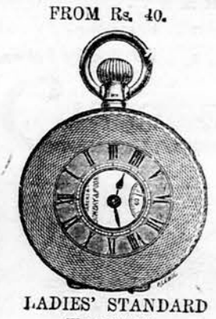

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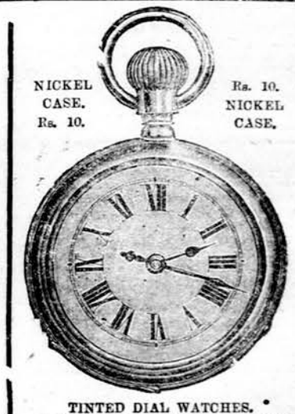

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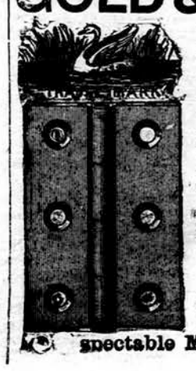

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